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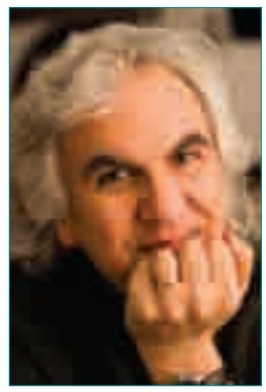
Author Stephen Fried opens 20th Anniversary Jewish Book Festival

Rachel Rosenthal, special to the WJN

Renowned journalist Stephen Fried will open The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County's 20th Anniversary Jewish Book Festival Sunday, November 11, at 7 p.m. A dessert reception for audience members will also take place that evening at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Cultural Society.

Stephen Fried is the author of the widely praised books *The New Rabbi*, *Thing of Beauty: The Tragedy of Supermodel Gia* and *Bitter Pills: Inside the Hazardous World of Legal Drugs.* A two-time winner of the National Magazine Award, the highest honor in magazine journalism, Fried has written frequently for *Vanity Fair, The Washington Post Magazine, Glamour, GQ, Rolling Stone, Ladies Home Journal,* and *Philadelphia*. He teaches journalism at Columbia University, and lives in Philadelphia with his wife, author Diane Ayres.



Stephen Fried

Four years ago *Ladies Home Journal,* with a readership of 13 million mostly married women, asked award-winning investigative journalist Stephen Fried to go on a mission to try and explain to women why married men act the maddening ways they do. Some matters would be seemingly inconsequential, while some would be obviously life-altering (although Fried has learned that to wives, it's all equally important). The result has been an enormously popular monthly column in which he offers a glimpse into what he calls "the secret minds of married men." Fried's new book, *Husbandry: Sex, Love, and Dirty Laundry-Inside the Minds of Married Men* is a collection of 31 of Fried's provocative, wise and often hilarious essays.

In *Husbandry*, Fried draws on 20 years worth of his and his wife's marital experiences, interviews with other husbands and countless studies on the science of relationships to explain (or apologize for) the actions (and inactions) of married men. His essays document their mysterious and often frustrating behavior—in love, in friendship, in the bedroom, in the house (kitchen, closets, and bathrooms) and even in the locker room with their buddies. From the tortures of marital snoring to coping with the dishwasher, remembering to leave the toilet seat down or landing those dirty socks in the hamper—just once!—no subject is out of bounds as Fried reveals the dailynesses of intimacy, of marriage, of love, of good times and bad. ■

The Jewish Book Festival runs from November 11–18. To become a Book Festival Sponsor or for more information, contact the Jewish Community Center at 971-0990.

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Head Rabbi for Human Rights to speak

Carol Dworkin, special to the WJN

Rabbi Arik Ascherman of Jerusalem, executive director of Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR)-Israel, will return to Ann Arbor November 8, for the first time since 2004, to speak to the community on the subject, "Jewish Values, Human Rights and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." His talk is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County.

Rabbi Arik Ascherman

Co-sponsors of this community event are Beth Israel Congregation, Temple Beth Emeth, the JCC, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah, Brit Tzedek v'Shalom (Ann Arbor), Jewish Cultural Society, Pardes Hannah and the Union of Progressive Zionists (UM Hillel).

In 2006, RHR won the 23rd Niwano Peace Prize, presented by the Niwano Peace Foundation in Tokyo. In selecting RHR, the Peace Prize screening committee stated: "At a time when religious fundamentalism and extremism receive so much publicity in the Middle East, …the Niwano Peace Foundation wants to honor Rabbis for Human Rights as a unique voice of compassion, care for the other, love and justice that is at the heart of Judaism and… all other religions."

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin of Beth Israel Congregation and Rabbi Robert Levy of Temple Beth Emeth will provide introductions and comments. They are members of RHR-North America, an organization of rabbis representing all streams of Judaism dedicated to expanding support for the mission and work of RHR in Israel.

A native of Erie, Pennsylvania, Rabbi Ascherman is a 1981 graduate of Harvard University and was ordained in 1989 by Hebrew Union College. Since RHR-Israel was founded in 1988, he has headed the organization of more than 100 Israeli rabbis committed to education, advocacy, prayer and action in support of the human rights of all people. He is married to Rabbi Einat Ramon,the first Israeli-born woman ordained as a rabbi.

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U-M Hillel presents Idan Raichel Project, Israeli music group with international influences

Sasha Gribov, special to the WJN

The Idan Raichel Project, an Israeli group that is critically acclaimed throughout the world, will perform in Ann Arbor on Tuesday, November 6. The band blends international influences with Middle Eastern roots in an effort to spread the messages of tolerance, understanding, and love.

The Idan Raichel Project is composed of 13 musicians of Ethiopian, Caribbean, Israeli, Yemenite, and Eastern European decent. Their music is influenced by African, Middle Eastern, and Indian instruments and genres, and even includes several songs sung in Amharic, the native language of Ethiopia. The concert organizers hope to bring together the diverse Ann Arbor community to appreciate the common histories that unite us and the differences that make us unique.

The Idan Raichel Project will perform on Tuesday, November 6, at Live at PJ's, at 102 South First Street, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $15 for students, $25 for non-students (18 and up only).

University of Michigan student dance groups Encore, Maya Dance Troup, and Congolese Dance Group will be featured as the opening performances. The event is sponsored by The American Movement for Israel, University of Michigan Hillel, and Fighting Obstacles Knowing Ultimate Success.

For more information on the Idan Raichel Project, visit www.idanraichelproject.com or email sgribov@umich.edu. ■

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Community

Herzigs extolled with JFS Bernstein Award

Carol Lessure, special to WJN

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County will recognize contributions by Phyllis and David Herzig as they receive the Claire and Isadore Bernstein Award. The award will be presented at an afternoon reception hosted by JFS followed by a concert presented by the University Musical Society on Sunday, December 9, at the Rackham Auditorium.

Claire and Isadore Bernstein, the couple for whom the award was named

JFS established the award in 2004 to recognize exemplary individuals and organizations that, like the Bernsteins, provide time, resources and support for the work of Jewish Family Services. "It's quite an honor to receive the Bernstein award—Claire and Isadore were very instrumental in developing a resettlement community for Russian Jews in Ann Arbor, providing their boundless energy, drive, and commitment to get things done," notes Phyllis Herzig.

Phyllis Herzig has contributed countless hours to Jewish Family Services as a board member, volunteer, and social worker. Her work reflects a culmination of a life long interest in Jewish older adults dating back to her undergraduate internship at JFS in Cincinnati and as a graduate student of social work at The University of Michigan. "Phyllis was involved in the work of Jewish Family Services before there was a Jewish Family Services," according to David Herzig. "She worked with the Jewish Federation in the mid-1980s to assess the needs of the Ann Arbor Jewish Community. This study clearly indicated the need for a Jewish Family Service agency in the county."

Phyllis Herzig nurtured and supported JFS through its formation—offering her expertise as a geriatric social worker, providing collaboration as the coordinator of the JCC Spice of Life program, and donating both her time and resources. "Its thrilling and exciting to see how the agency has grown and can meet the needs of so many people," says Phyllis Herzig.

In 2004, the Herzigs established the first endowment for JFS to support its ongoing work with older adults. "We were finally at a time our life that we could give back to the community," noted Phyllis Herzig. "We wanted to provide ongoing support for something we cared about."

The Herzigs have also made exceptional contributions to other community organizations, including the University Musical Society and the Performance Network Theatre, where David Herzig is currently a member of the boards of directors. In addition, he serves as president of the Jewish Community Foundation. David Herzig notes that in Ann Arbor, "You don't need to be a large donor to make a difference and get involved; you just need to give your time, effort and energy."

The award ceremony will celebrate the work of the Bernsteins—beloved members of the community. In part due to their efforts, JFS of Washtenaw County was established and the resettlement community has grown to include roughly 600 individuals.

JFS presented the Bernstein Award to Ken Fischer in 2006 on behalf of the University Musical Society for providing low-income JFS clients a chance to enjoy world-class performances. Al Berriz and Ambassador Ronald Weiser received the award in 2004 on behalf of McKinley properties. McKinley provides affordable housing for JFS immigrant clients who often arrive without credit history and other documents typically needed to secure housing. JFS also partnered with McKinley in 2005 as the two organizations who helped hundreds of hurricane Katrina evacuees temporarily relocate in Washtenaw County.

JFS has a limited number of tickets to "A Solstice Celebration: A Festival of Lights Concert " presented by UMS. The performance features Leo Kottke with the Turtle Island String Quartet playing music inspired by the Jewish and Hindu Festival of Lights Traditions.

Purchases of tickets for either the reception and/or the concert through JFS will generate funds to support the work of JFS with older adults and immigrants in Ann Arbor. Ticket and concert packages are $54 each and can be reserved through JFS by Monday, November 12. Contact JFS at 769-0209 or visit www.jewishannarbor.org for more information and to make reservations. ■

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Noted historian Michael Oren featured at Federation's Main Event

Jeffrey M. Lazor, special to the WJN

The Washtenaw County Jewish community has a lot to celebrate and the Jewish Federation once again will bring friends, families and colleagues together for a memorable and engaging Main Event. This year the Federation welcomes the critically acclaimed Michael Oren, Ph.D., a best selling author and internationally recognized expert on Israel. Dr. Oren will share his thoughts on "Three Hundred Years of History: What American presidents didn't learn…The poor sales of *Moby Dick* and the Statue of Liberty's Egyptian origins…Where Americans need to go from here" The event will take place on Thursday, December 6 at the Ypsilanti Marriott Eagle Crest Resort.

Dr. Oren will explore the significance of Israel's 60th Anniversary, America's involvement in the Middle East dating back to the times of George Washington and the current state of world Jewry. Ford Motor Company is again a sponsor of the event.

Furthering the Federation's commitment to celebrating Jewish life, the community will commemorate the third night of Chanukkah by lighting the menorah during the evening's program. "This represents a real opportunity for the community to showcase our unity—lighting the menorah together will be a special moment for the people in the room," says Jeffrey Barnett, Main Event co-chair with his wife, Laurie, and Kim and Stephen Saxe.

Michael Oren

Dr. Oren is a senior fellow at the Shalem Center, a Jerusalem research and educational institute. He has written extensively for the *New York Times, Wall Street Journal,* and *New Republic*. Dr. Oren is the author of *Six Days of War: June 1967* and *The Making of the Modern Middle East*, which won the *Los Angeles Times* History Book of the Year prize and the National Jewish Book Award. His most recent book, *Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East, 1776 to the Present*, was an instant *New York Times* best seller.

Dr. Oren has been a visiting professor at Harvard and Yale universities. He has briefed the White House and testified before Congress on Middle Eastern affairs. He moved to Israel in the 1970s. He has served as an officer in the Israel Defense, a representative of the Prime Minister's Office to Jewish refuseniks in the former Soviet Union and an advisor to Israel's delegation to the United Nations.

The event is $36 per person, with a dessert reception. Kashrut will be observed. Participants at the Main Event will be asked to make a family contribution of at least $100 to the Federation's Annual Campaign. ■

For more information, contact Jeff Lazor at the Federation at 677-0100 or visit www.jewishannarbor.org.

Lunch and Learn with Ruth Messinger, American Jewish World Service

Eileen Freed, special to the WJN

Ruth Messinger, president of American Jewish World Service (AJWS), will present a lunch and learn program titled "Jews as Global Citizens: Our Responsibility in the World" on Thursday, November 29 at noon at the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County. The program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation, Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Services.

Ruth Messinger

AJWS is an international development organization providing support to 300 grassroots social change projects throughout the world. Messinger, who has led AJWS since 1998, will discuss the role of Jews as global citizens. Speaking of her own experiences in the developing world, she will propose how American Jews, who enjoy greater affluence and influence than ever before, can do their part to alleviate poverty, hunger, violence, disease and oppression.

Prior to her role at AJWS, Messinger was in public service in New York City for 20 years including 12 years as Manhattan borough president. She was the first woman to secure the Democratic Party's nomination for mayor in 1997 and has been an active member of her synagogue and a board member of several not-for-profit organizations. In February 2006 Messinger received the Jewish Council for Public Affairs' prestigious Albert D. Chernin Award in honor of her tireless work to end the genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

The cost of lunch is $10/$3 for seniors. Reservations are needed for lunch (if you plan to attend but not eat, reservations are not required). RSVP online at ww.jewishfederation.org/ajws or call 677-0100. ■

JCS Sunday Schmooze program:

"Talking peace: How to communicate with your Jewish friends about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict"

Erika Hauff, special to the WJN

The Jewish Cultural Society will present a Sunday Schmooze program on "Talking peace: How to communicate with your Jewish friends about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," on Sunday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. Aaron Ahuvia will lead this program, held at the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County.

The program is intended for people who would like to learn better ways of talking with their Jewish friends about a just and lasting peace for Palestinians and Israelis. It will also be of interest to Jews of all political stripes who want a deeper understanding of why people hold the views they do about this conflict, as well as people who want to learn about effective communication and persuasion in a political context.

Among other academic appointments, Aaron Ahuvia teaches social marketing at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. Social marketing is the application of marketing techniques to promote social causes and solve social problems. Ahuvia applies his knowledge of social marketing as national secretary for Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, where he has helped the organization grow to be America's largest pro-Israel organization dedicated to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ahuvia is currently writing a "Message Manual" for Brit Tzedek, designed to help interested Jews be more effective advocates for peace. In addition to numerous academic publications, Ahuvia's research has been quoted in *Time Magazine, The New York Times,* and *The Wall Street Journal*. He has also appeared on National Public Radio talk shows.

Last year, Ahuvia's Sunday Schmooze talk, entitled "The Psychology of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," was very well received by JCS members. He is an engaging, knowledgeable, and non-confrontational speaker, who presented a very hopeful message. That message included, among other research findings, the fact that solid majorities of both Jews and Palestinians have a strong desire for peace and are willing to make the concessions necessary to achieve a lasting agreement, but that understandably, neither side trusts the other's intentions.

At this talk, Ahuvia will be presenting some of the practical applications of his research on the psychology of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that can be used in advocating for peace and justice when conversing with Jewish friends. To RSVP, contact Erika Hauff, JCS administrator, at jcs@jccfed.org. ■

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11 a.m Fitness Fun with Maria Farquhar. $4 or 3 for $10.

Noon. DairyLunch Buffet. $3.

12:30 p.m. New American Club. ESL Class for Russian Seniors.

November 5: Luda Ketslach

1–2:15 p.m. Professional photographer Luda Ketslach will present photos of her trip to Ghana.

Musical Monday, November 12

1–2:15 p.m. Discussion of Campus Symphony Orchestra's selections for the evening's concert.

Leave 7:15 p.m., 8 p.m. Campus Symphony Orchestra, Conductor Mark Latham. Pieces by Berlioz, Dvorak and Prokofiev. Transportation, $3.

November 19: Chi: What is Life Energy?

1–2 p.m. Dr. Rabbi Peter Gluck and his son Adam will discuss Chi (life energy) and give a demonstration.

November 26: Legal and Financial Issues for Older Adults

1–2 p.m. Joyce Philips, R.N. and Red Cross Outreach Coordinator will be accompanied by an elder law attorney to discuss legal and financial issues.

December 3: Clay Studio

1–4 p.m. Professional sculptor, Barbara Carson will run a beginner's workshop on how to work with clay. She will teach how to construct a face using simple tools. Clay will be provided. Bring work clothing. No charge.

Tuesdays

10:30 a.m. Bible Class

Noon. Mah Jongg

1–2:30 p.m. Drop-In Hobby Time

Wednesdays

November 14: Matinee Musicale

1:30 p.m. Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra violinist Anton Shelepov. $7.

December 5: Matinee Musicale

1:30 p.m. Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's Arie Lipsky and Friends. $7.

Thursdays

10–11 a.m. Fitness Fun with Maria Farquhar. $4 or 3 for $10.

11 a.m.–Noon. Current Events with Heather Dombey, a Jewish perspective on the news.

Noon. Homemade Dairy Luncheon Buffet. $3.

12:30 p.m. New American Club. ESL Class for Russian Seniors

1–2 p.m. Thursday Special Events and Presentations (see below).

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. Literary Group with Sidney Warshausky.

Thursday special events and presentations

November 1

12:30–2:30 p.m. Fall Immunization Clinic Flu Shot $33, pneumonia shot $84. Provided by the Michigan Visiting Nurses. Credit cards and certain insurances accepted.

1 p.m. Kathy Munoz discusses IMPEL: "Improve, Motivate, Promote, Empower and Live." Join in for discussion of life change for the better.

November 8: Yiddish Open House

1 p.m. Yiddish Open House U-M Professor of Judaic Studies, Anita Norich will speak on and share works by Yiddish poet, Yakev Glatshteyn. Lily Ladin, 662-6613

Musical Thursday, November 15

1 p.m. Caroline Helton will play and sing music by Jewish composers, including show tunes and other music forms.

November 22: Thanksgiving

November 29: JCC Senior Day of Learning

1 p.m. Ruth Messinger, President of American Jewish World Service will discuss her organization's imperative to pursue justice around the world. AJWS's mission is to alleviate world hunger, poverty and disease to people of the developing world regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Fridays

November. 2, 16, 23, and 30

1:30 p.m. Yiddish Speaking and Reading Group at the home of Ray Juni, 761-. 2765.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, November 18: Jewish Family Service Senior Day of Learning

12;30 p.m. with Joyce Antler, author of *You Never Call! You Never Write!* Sponsored by Jewish Family Services.

Yiddish Open House (YOH!)

Learn about Yiddish in English and enjoy an entertaining series of presentations featuring all kinds of Yiddish culture. For November and December spend time with Yiddish language stars Anita Norich and Eliza Shevrin. At each YOH! there will be a hand-out of some Yiddish words or expressions.

Thursday, November 8, 1–2 p.m JCC Newman Room. Judaica scholar, Anita Norich will teach about American Yiddish poet, Yankev Glatshteyn.

Beginner's Clay Studio

Professional sculptor, Barbara Carson will lead a workshop on working with clay. Students will walk out of the class having made a face sculpture. Clay and one tool will be provided. Bring work clothing and any clay tools you may have. Thursday, December 3.

Musical Mondays and one Thursday

Join in for musical entertainment from fine performers in our area. Presentations are at 1 pm.

Musical Monday, November 12

1–2:15 p.m. There is a chance that Campus Symphony Orchestra Conductor, Mark Latham will come to speak about his orchestra and tonight's selections. Look for updates in SPICE.

Leave 7:15 pm, 8 pm Campus Symphony Orchestra, Conductor Mark Latham. Pieces by Berlioz, Dvorak and Prokofiev. Transportation, $3.

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Kosher meals at U-M Hillel

Zach Greenberg, special to the WJN

Like every Jewish kid, I grew up eating Bubbe's cooking right up until the day I left for college. Whether it was the three kinds of chicken and homemade challah on Shabbat, the surprisingly tasty Passover treats at the seder table, or the gallons of chicken soup and matzah balls whenever I was sick, I really loved my Bubbe's cooking. Then a problem arose; I realized that it would get extremely expensive to continually ship Bubbe's food to me for Shabbat. Thankfully, I found an alternative. I refused to believe anything could be as delicious as my Bubbe's cooking, but then I discovered Shabbat dinner at Hillel, with the fantastic kitchen staff under the extremely gifted Executive Chef Emil Boch. From the always delicious and unique soup to the brisket and chicken reminiscent of Bubbe's cooking, I'd found a good "home cooked" meal for Shabbat dinner each week. I had the chance to ask some questions of the man behind theses delectable weekly delights, and took the opportunity to get to know him just a little bit better.

Chef Emil Boch with his friend, Audrey Bloomberg, EMU Hillel program director

Greenberg: What got you into cooking?

Chef Boch: I have always been interested in food, and food as art, but I first started working as a dishwasher/busboy when I was 13 years old. It just progressed from there and I started cooking on the line at about 16 years old and seriously thinking about a career as a chef around 18.

Greenberg: What brought you to Michigan Hillel?

Chef Boch: I answered an ad in the paper or on craigs-list or something—it was kind of a stab in the dark that worked out wonderfully.

Greenberg: How do you manage to do all that fantastic cooking for all the daily kosher meals and Shabbat meals at Hillel with such little time?

Chef Boch: I am the king of multi-tasking and I work really hard to be able to take pride in making everything from scratch. Everything from the salad dressing to the soups to the desserts are all homemade and usually my own recipes.

Greenberg: Do you watch the Food Network?

Chef Boch: I am a Food Network addict, so I can't allow myself to buy cable; I only watch it at my girlfriend's house. Showdown with Bobby Flay is my favorite.

Greenberg: Do you have a funny cooking disaster story you can share with us?

Chef Boch: Not really; I don't find disasters very amusing when you're trying to feed a bunch of hungry Jews. They get scary when there's not enough.

Thankfully, Chef Boch does a fantastic job of making sure there's always plenty of food that always tastes great. He is a welcome addition to the Hillel staff and is everyone's favorite person when it comes time for Shabbat. ■

The best kept secret in Ann Arbor

Sallie Kochin Abelson, special to the WJN

The University of Michigan Hillel, located at 1429 Hill Street, serves 13 glatt kosher gourmet meals a week at unbelievable prices *and* it is open to the public. A two-course lunch is served from Sunday through Friday from noon–2 p.m. ($6 for U-M students, $8 for non-students) and a three-course dinner is served Sunday through Thursday 5:30–7:30 p.m. ($9 for U-M students, $10 for non-students).

No reservations are necessary for weekdays but on Shabbat (free to U-M students and $15 for non-students) reservations are required by Thursday at 5 p.m. Call 769-0500 to make a reservation.

ORT Chai'Nukah Party on December 2

Joan Levitt, special to the WJN

The Ann Arbor chapter of ORT America will hold its annual Chai'Nukah Party on Sunday, December 2, from 2 – 4 p.m., at the home of Nancy Leon. The party will feature Chanukah food and table games such as Scrabble, Mahj, and of course, dreidels. A donation of "Chai" ($18) to ORT is requested. There are also opportunities to win small prizes which will put everyone in the Chanukah spirit. To RSVP for the party, contact Mary Schuman at owatonna@aol.com

A highlight of the party will be a chance to meet Danny Agukin, an ORT student from Russia, who is attending tenth grade this semester at the Frankel Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit. Danny is participating in the ORT Student Ambassador Program 2007, which has given him the opportunity to experience life in the U.S. and to be part of the Detroit Jewish community for a semester.

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Chanukah celebration at Vinology

Susie Gross, special to the WJN

Come learn the art of making martinis at the Ann Arbor Chapter of Hadassah's Latkes and Vodkas Chanukah celebration. The event will take place on Saturday, December 1, at Vinology from 7:30–9:30 p.m. Attendees will be able to sample each martini as it is paired with appetizers and, of course, latkes, in an atmosphere of elegance, warmth and friendship. The event will take place in the Bubble Room, an intimate dining space so named for the 400 hand-blown glass balls hanging from the ceiling.

Friends of Hadassah and spouses are also invited to attend. Reservations are requested by November 16. Send a check for $25 per person to Susie Gross, 4153 High Ridge, Ann Arbor, 48105.

As an added bonus, Hadassah members may pop a balloon to pay for their babysitter. Balloons will have different money amounts written inside. Every parent who responds by the deadline and says they are getting a babysitter can pop a balloon to win up to a full night's babysitting.

For more information, call 662-8056 or 213-5292. ■

Ann Arbor Hadassah hosted the Central States Region Fall Conference October 19-21 at the Campus Inn; over 70 women from the Ann Arbor chapter attended. Gathering under the "Red Tent," participants were treated to a moving Shabbaton led by Cantor Annie Rose and challenged by such accomplished speakers as award-winning journalist Barbara Sofer from Israel; Katie Edelstein from National Hadassah; Morlie Levin, executive director of Hadassah from New York; Dr. Deborah Dash-Moore from the University of Michigan; Carol Lapidos, MSW; State Senator Liz Brater and others

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Jewish/Muslim dinner promotes understanding and communication

Emily Eisbruch, staff writer

Have you ever tasted candied figs? Ever pondered how the Koran depicts the story of Moses? Ever had a chance to talk with an Imam and his wife? I hadn't done any of these, until in October I was invited to participate in a Jewish/Muslim dinner at the home of Aaron and Aura Ahuvia.

According to Aaron Ahuvia, a founder of and leader in the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah, "The dinner was chance to break the Ramadan fast for the Muslim participants and a chance to celebrate Shabbat for the Jewish participants. The ultimate goal was to share traditions, get to know each other better, and increase understanding."

The kids table was a fun place to be

Rituals observed

After informal greetings and introductions, the evening began with the Moslem end-of-fasting prayers and the breaking of the day's Ramadan fast with a drink of water and a taste of dried fruit. The Muslims then stepped outside for the Muslim sunset prayers. When the Muslims finished those prayers, the group came back together, and the Jewish participants lit the Shabbat candles, chanted the *Kiddish* over grape juice so all could participate if they wished, and recited the *HaMotzi* prayer over the Challah. For many of the Muslims this was their first taste of fresh baked challah, and by all accounts it was well received.

Dinner discussion

Dinner included kosher chicken, potatoes, kabobs, and salad, with dessert featuring many middle eastern treats, such as the candied figs, baklavah, and sesame cookies, (as well as refreshing, though not Middle Eastern, strawberry sorbet). I was seated between two friendly and interesting people: seated on my right was Wayne State sophomore Nayeem Amin. On my left was Eastern Michigan University political science master's degree student and mother of two, Heather Jackson. Her husband, Dr. Sherman Jackson, University of Michigan professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies, was also a participant.

Conversation at our part of the table ranged from chatting about raising kids, social norms at various schools, and the Muslim social and cultural scene in the Detroit suburbs (Amin grew up in West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills and attended Andover High School). Amin also filled us in on his studies at Wayne State, where he is taking pre-med and Near Eastern studies courses.

Planning the evening

Hosts Aaron and Aura Ahuva had invited 12 members of the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah to participate in the evening along with 12 members of the Muslim community. On the Muslim side, the point person was Mr. Dawud Walid, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations and associate Imam at Masjid Wali Muhammad Mosque in Detroit.

According to Walid, "I had been involved in some events with the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah in 2006. We had a discussion about the story of Abraham and his son in the Quran and the Torah, and then some members of our community were invited to a break-the-fast together with the Havurah at Yom Kippur. I was eager to continue the connection and dialog. We came up with the concept for this dinner, and I reached out to people I thought would be interested. We found a high level of interest in participating."

The adult table at the Jewish/Muslim dinner

Once the date and attendees were set, a subcommittee was formed, consisting of two Jewish and two Muslim participants, to focus on structuring the evening and identifying a topic for the after dinner discussion.

After dinner program

There was a consensus that the hosts and planning committee did a great job creating a worthwhile evening in which polite awkwardness gave way to genuine communication. The after dinner program involved a discussion comparing the story of the early life of Moses in the Koran and the Torah. All adult participants were divided into five subgroups, and each group was directed to read translated portions of the two Moses stories aloud and then talk about the similarities and differences we discovered. We were specifically asked to look at the role of mercy and compassion in both stories.

Afterwards, the entire group reconvened around the Ahuvia's dinner table (which was supplemented by the cherry wood "Megiddo" peace table on loan from Alan and Odile Haber, two of the evening's participants). As each smaller group reported on the highlights of their discussion, it was clear that all had enjoyed a fruitful discussion about the story of Moses and the many fascinating themes in the two accounts of Moses's early life.

In addition to the learning, sharing and enjoying that took place among the adults, another highlight of the evening was observing the seven kids who were present, who all seemed to get along and enjoy themselves. According to Isaac Ahuvia, who, at 13, was charged with being the kids' activity supervisor, "All the kids had a good time playing with one game where we'd build a structure and then roll a marble down it. It was fun. I met some new people." ■

Bobbie and Myron Levine JCC Cultural Arts Fund presents Norma Penchansky-Glasser, "Recent Drawings"

Rachel Rosenthal, special to the WJN

The Bobbie and Myron Levine Jewish Community Center Cultural Arts Fund will present an exhibition of recent drawings by Ann Arbor Artist Norma Penchansky-Glasser. The exhibit will be on display at the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County from November 6 through December 28. An opening reception will be held on November 20 at 7:30 p.m. and the artist will speak about her work at 8 p.m.

Penchansky-Glasser explores the human figure in motion and the relationship of line to motion. She strives to capture the subtle variations in position and movement of the figure in motion. "To freeze a moment, capture the stress, strain and relaxation in a gesture, these transitory moments are what I seek to realize in my sculptures and drawings."

Penchansky-Glasser's artistic journey has been rich and varied, including a monumental outdoor sculpture in Oklahoma City. Her work is in sixteen major collections in five different states, nine in Michigan alone, including St. Joseph's Hospital, University of Michigan, Blue-Cross/Blue Shield in Detroit, and the Ann Arbor Public Library. She was won national, statewide and local awards, including the Medal of Honor from the National Association of Women Artists. ■

Jewish Singles Party

Roann Altman, special to the WJN

The Jewish Ann Arbor Singles (JAAS) opening event of the year will take place on Saturday night, November 10, from 8–11 p.m. A large crowd is expected, with singles coming from all over southeast Michigan, northern Ohio, and Windsor. Last year's party attracted over 40 singles, and everyone had a great time socializing and meeting new people. The group, averaging 50 years of age, is very warm and welcoming.

The party will be held at Beth Israel Congregation's Garfunkel-Schteingart Activities Center Lounge (2010 Washtenaw Avenue). Snacks, desserts, and hot and cold beverages will be provided. The cost is $10 (or $7.50 if paid by November 2). Reservations are appreciated by November 7 regardless.

To RSVP for the party or receive further details about this and future events, send an e-mail with your name, address, and phone number to j_aa_s@yahoo.com or call 483-8352. ■

A2 Recons offer program on ending genocide

Aura Ahuvia, special to the WJN

Activist and educator Ginny Mitchell will address the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah as part of its Service-and-Discussion night Friday, November 9 at the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County. Active participation and learning will be the hallmark of this evening's program, focusing on the genocide in Darfur and what people in Michigan can do to help end it. The evening will open with a brief service at 6:15 p.m., followed by a PowerPoint presentation and open discussion.

Mitchell, 42, teaches history and American democracy at Lincoln High School. She helped found the Michigan Darfur Coalition in April of this year, and is now the group's spokesperson. Free babysitting will be available with advance reservations. For more information, call Aura Ahuvia, 975-9045. ■

Ordinary women, extraordinary heroes

By Brenda Gazzar

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A baby carriage was Mirjam Waterman's vehicle of salvation during the Holocaust. A member of the Dutch resistance during World War II, Waterman used to pick up infants whose parents were being deported to Westerbork concentration camp and deliver the babies to the Amsterdam train station. She would wait there for her liaison, then deliver the children to families and institutions for hiding.

Waterman was caught and deported to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. After she was liberated, she worked in 1946 to have the children returned to Jewish authorities and moved to Palestine.

Waterman is one of about 50 women featured in the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial's exhibit "Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust."

Rather than focus on what the Nazis did to women, the $500 million multimedia exhibit focuses on their actions and responses in the most extreme and difficult of circumstances.

"This is the first international exhibit that's ever been created to focus solely on the lives of women in the Holocaust," said Professor Judy Baumel-Schwartz, the exhibit's historical adviser and chairwoman of the Contemporary Jewry program at Bar-Ilan University. "All the other exhibits have included women, but not focused primarily on the lives of women. What we tried to do is to focus on various gender-related aspects of women's lives, not just on their deaths."

More than 3 million women, including girls, are thought to have died in the Holocaust. Women of child-bearing age were the Nazis' main target in their quest to annihilate world Jewry. The exhibit includes both survivors and those who perished in the genocide.

Yehudit Inbar, the exhibit's curator, says women in the Holocaust were not passive, but they usually could not flee or fight as some men did because they needed to take care of children, aging parents and other community members.

"What I say in this exhibit is that actually, it's not only that they stayed but they made their way to death so meaningful, so human," Inbar said. "They were at their best from the aspect of humanity."

In the ghettos and camps, women tried to maintain basic hygiene in extreme conditions and did what they could to scrounge for money to feed their children.

The exhibit consists mostly of text and photos, which contrast sharply with the multidimensional and extraordinary stories of the women. Their stories are told through letters, diaries, artwork, book excerpts and some personal artifacts.

Included in the display is a letter written by an Auschwitz prisoner to her husband, also an Auschwitz prisoner, as she waited to be taken to the gas chamber.

"You've been the greatest happiness of my life, and I would gladly give my life to save yours," the letter says. "Thank you darling with all my heart for the devotion, love and joy you've given me. Always remain what you are, the greatest unbreakable hero. I shall think of you and pray for your safety until my last breath."

Sabine Alzon is one of 10 women survivors featured in a video exhibit by renowned Israeli artist Michal Rovner. Alzon fought with her husband in the underground resistance in France.

Her daughter, Holocaust survivor Berthe Badehi, a 75-year-old Jerusalemite, was nine when the war reached the family. She spent three years living with a Catholic family in the Alps while her parents fought in the resistance.

"It's so important to speak of the women during the war," said Badehi, who volunteers at Yad Vashem. "For many families, if the women had not been there, the men would have been much more in danger."

She said her mother was "the backbone of the family."

The exhibit runs through March. ■

"I'm about to retire—now what?"

Mira Sussman, special to the WJN

Over 120 people joined Jewish Family Services to address this question at a dinner seminar entitled "What Are You Doing with the Rest of Your Life? Finding Fulfilling Work in Life's Second Half." Keynote speaker Michael Reisch, Ph.D., professor of social work and co-director of SeaChange, spoke to the audience about trends among baby boomer retirees at an event held at Washtenaw Community College on September 24.

Dr. Reisch focused on the large numbers of people returning to work after retiring from their "first career." He relayed that 79 percent of people will return to a "second career" as retirees find themselves wanting and needing to work for financial, intellectual, spiritual and other reasons. Often this second career gives workers a greater sense of meaning and purpose, such as going into nursing or teaching, or working for a non-profit. Many other people use retirement as an opportunity to start their own business from what had previously been a hobby.

Under the leadership of Jewish Family Services, ten co-sponsoring agencies were on-hand to inform the audience about their services to help people take the next step in their education or develop their own business, including AARP Michigan, the Center for the Education of Women, Washtenaw Community College's Encore Career Project, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Catholic Social Services, the JCC, Temple Beth Emeth, the University of Michigan School of Social Work, Turner Senior Resource Center, and the Institute for Labor and Industrial Relations.

JFS' Employment Services are open to anyone in the community. Social workers are available to help evaluate a resume, provide advice on networking, resources for starting new businesses, to help evaluate an individual's skills and options, and to help find financial resources to help people between jobs. ■

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JCC 20th Annual Jewish Book Festival hosts Local Authors Fair and Brunch

A Celebration of Our Community's Creativity

Halye Aisner, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County's 20th Annual Jewish Book Festival will host a local author's brunch on Sunday, November 18 at 10 a.m. The Local Authors Fair and Brunch: A Celebration of Our Community's Creativity is an opportunity to hear about new books from talented authors living in the Ann Arbor area. Each author will discuss their book and answer questions. A complimentary light brunch will be served. The event is sponsored by the Huron River Press and there is no charge to attend.

Ilana M. Blumberg

Tension wraps around the pages of Ilana Blumberg's memoir, *Houses of Study: A Jewish Woman Among Books*, an ardent intellectual autobiography by a woman in love with both Jewish texts and secular literature. To learn was to live, and to learn well was to live well. This was the lesson of both cultures of the Modern Orthodox Jewish world in which Ilana Blumberg was educated, with its commitment to traditional Jewish practice and ideas alongside an appreciation for modern, secular wisdom. But when the paths of Jewish tradition and secular wisdom inevitably diverge, applying this lesson can become extraordinarily tricky, especially for a woman.

Ilana M. Blumberg

Blumberg's memoir of negotiating these two worlds is the story of how a Jewish woman's life was shaped by a passion for learning; it is also a rare look into the life of Modern Orthodoxy, the 20th-century movement of Judaism that tries to reconcile modernity with tradition. Blumberg traces her own path from a childhood immersed in Hebrew and classical Judaic texts as well as Anglo-American novels and biographies, to a womanhood where the two literatures suddenly represent mutually exclusive possibilities for life.

Set in "houses of study," from a Jewish grammar school and high school to a Jerusalem yeshiva for women to a secular American university, her memoir asks, in an intimate and poignant manner: what happens when the traditional Jewish ideal of learning asserts itself in a body that is female—a body directed by that same tradition toward a life of modesty, early marriage, and motherhood?

Ilana M. Blumberg is an assistant professor of humanities, culture, and writing at James Madison College, Michigan State University.

Amy Colton

Amy Colton is the author of *Collaborative Analysis of Student Work: Improving Teaching and Learning* which discusses how with teacher collaboration and application of their combined knowledge and experience to the challenges of teaching and learning, amazing things can happen. This book demonstrates how to set up collaborative analysis of student work in school.

Developed and refined with more than 100 elementary and secondary teachers, this adaptable system combines the best of action research, study groups, standards based learning, student assessment, teacher reflection, and portfolio assessment. The author guides the reader through each component with concrete, detailed descriptions and authentic examples. This system of professional inquiry challenges the reader to examine their beliefs about what students can do and helps identify which teaching methods are working most successfully. In this, colleagues can acquire deeper insight into the link between instruction and each student's learning and enhance the ability to help every student succeed.

Amy Bernstein Colton facilitates professional development for teachers as an international, independent staff development consultant. Colton serves on the board of the Michigan Staff Development Council, where she coordinates a state-wide policy advocacy initiative. Colton holds a doctorate in teacher education from University of Michigan. Her work and research in teacher education, teachers' reflective decision-making, and school reform appears in publications including *The Journal of Teacher Education, Educational Leadership,* and *The Journal of Staff Development.*

Daryl Hafter

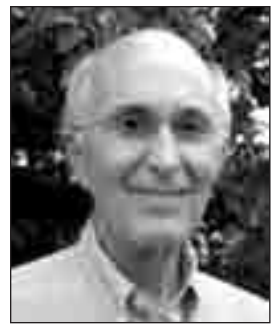
Daryl Hafter, author of *Women at Work in Preindustrial France*, discusses the subject of women as skilled workers in the 18th century, which is central to our understanding of the history of work and technology in the preindustrial age. While recent scholarship has dispelled the notion that women did not enter the workforce until the Industrial Revolution, debate continues as to the extent to which women actually participated in skilled work in the preceding decades.

This book draws upon substantial archival research in Rouen, Lyon, and Paris to show that while the vast majority of working women in 18th century France labored at unskilled, low-paying jobs, it was not at all unusual for women to be actively engaged in economic activities as workers, managers, and merchants. Some even developed vertically integrated wholesale and retail businesses, while others became indispensable to manufacturers through their technical skill. In fact, Hafter documents how certain women guild masters were able to exploit the legal system to achieve considerable economic independence, power, wealth, and legal parity with male masters. She also shows how gender politics complicated the day-to-day experience of these working women.

Daryl M. Hafter is professor emerita of history at Eastern Michigan University. She is the editor of *European Women and Preindustrial Craft.*

Frederick A. Horowitz

Josef Albers: To Open Eyes: The Bauhaus, Black Mountain College and Yale by Frederick A. Horowitz is the first book to focus on how the legendary artist Josef Albers influenced generations of artists, architects, and designers, including Robert Mangold, Robert Rauschenberg, Donald Judd, Bertrand Goldberg, and Tom Geismar, through his work and legacy as an educator. Josef Albers (1888-1976) has long been admired for his progressive vision as an artist who blurred distinctions between fine and applied art, but rarely has his work as a teacher been examined in detail.



Frederick A. Horowitz

The German-born artist was a remarkable classroom performer whose colorful language, wit, and dramatic flair held his students spellbound and turned his lessons into high adventure. Whether at the Bauhaus in prewar Germany, Black Mountain College in rural North Carolina during the 1930s and 1940s or at Yale in the 1950s, Albers was driven by one thing—the desire to open his students' eyes to a different way of perceiving art and, ultimately, life.

Marking the 30th anniversary of Albers's death, the book examines his life and teaching methods, and reveals his philosophies on art, life, and the nature of perception based on first-hand accounts of more than 175 students and colleagues spanning more than 40 years.

Frederick A. Horowitz, a former student of Josef Albers at Yale in the 1950s, taught art at Washtenaw Community College and the U-M School of Art and Design. He is the author of an art appreciation text, *More Than You See/A Guide to Art.*

Alicia Kent

Alicia Kent is the author of *African, Native and Jewish American Literature and the Reshaping of Modernism*. What does the modern era look like to those labeled "not modern" or "traditional"? Refuting claims that their art was "old world" and "primitive," African, Native, and Jewish American writers in the early 20th century instead developed experimental strategies of self-representation that reshaped the very form of the novel itself.

Alicia Kent

Uncovering the connections and confrontations among three ethnic groups not often read in relation to one another, Kent maps out the historical contexts that have shaped ethnic American writing in the Modernist era, a period of radical dislocation from homelands and increased migration for these three ethnic groups. Rather than focus on the ways others have represented these groups, Kent restores the voices of these multicultural writers to the debate about what it means to be modern.

Alicia A. Kent is assiociate professor of English at the U-M Flint and board secretary for the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah.

Joanne Leonard

Joanne Leonard's *Being in Pictures: An Intimate Photo Memoir* interweaves her remarkable photography and collage work with a warm, compelling account of an artist's life and creative processes. Leonard's evocative and often dreamlike creations have, over four decades, revealed "the tensions between realism and idealization" that exist in both photography and photocollage. Beginning with her earliest work—which recorded with equal energy and devotion the 1972 Winter Olympics, her neighborhood in inner-city Oakland, a kitchen countertop, and her own family—she worked to develop a photographic genre she called "intimate documentary."

Joanne Leonard

As Leonard's art evolved, she began to challenge the boundary between personal and public images, and her work turned to autobiographical and daringly intimate themes, including the end of her marriage, a devastating miscarriage, and single motherhood. Her portraits of daughter Julia from birth onward constitute one of our most extensive and expressive portrayals by any photographer of a child's journey to adulthood. Being in Pictures also explores notions of identity and loss, as Leonard probes in word and image the meanings of being a twin, her conflicted feelings toward an emotionally distant father who escaped the Nazis, and her response to her highly accomplished mother's slow decline from Alzheimer's disease.

Leonard's work is by turns irreverent, bold, provocative, tender, wistful, poetic—and sometimes heartbreaking. The book's nearly 200 reproductions include a wide selection of black and white photographs as well as her vivid, richly nuanced collages.

Joanne Leonard is Diane M. Kirkpatrick and Griselda Pollock Distinguished University Professor of Art and Women's Studies at the U-M. Her photographs and photo-collage works have been widely exhibited and also published in *Gardner's Art through the Ages, Janson's History of Art,* and the *Time-Life Library of Photography.*

Geraldine Markel

Geraldine Markel's *Defeating the Eight Demons of Distraction* discusses how in this 24/7 world, the

Geraldine Markel

lines between work and life are blurred and distractions interrupt and interfere with performance. Labeled as demons, there are eight types of distraction that negatively affect attention, memory, organization, executive functioning, and critical thinking. Although a few distractions may be easily managed, constant distractions can lead to feeling overwhelmed, irritable, and ineffective.

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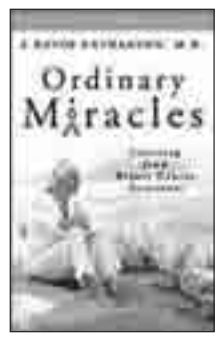
Geraldine Markel, Ph.D. is an educational psychologist who is the co-author of five books applying behavioral research to learning and performance and a member of the National Speakers Association. At the U-M, Geri served as faculty in the School of Education and seminar leader of the Instructional Design Workshop at the Executive Education Center, U-M School of Business.

S. David Nathanson



Ordinary Miracles: Learning from Breast Cancer Survivors author S. David Nathanson is an esteemed, longtime surgeon who calls the survival rates today for women and men facing breast cancer nothing short of an "ordinary miracle." Ordinary because the vast majority of patients live at least two decades after diagnosis, due to great advances that have been made in early detection, surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. But also a "miracle" because we know that key elements for a woman or man succeeding in a personal battle against breast cancer include completely intangible qualities of courage, fortitude, trust, persistence, faith, and hope. Although science cannot completely explain it, a supportive network of family and friends with those qualities also empower patient survival and recovery.

In these pages, Nathanson shares stories from his patients, teaching us about the experience of breast cancer and explaining how they found and fueled the will and power to defeat the disease. Even surgeon Nathanson himself cannot fully describe what goes through the hearts and minds of breast cancer patients as they discover, deal with, and finally triumph over the diagnosis. So in this book he acts as a narrator, letting his ordinary yet miraculous cancer survivors tell their stories, certainly filled with fear of the known and unknown, and with pain, but opening up to courage, love, sometimes humor, and finally hope.

"It is hope that firms up their resilience; hope that initiates their fortitude. Hope is an important component of healing," says the surgeon. Seventy-one survivors, including one man, tell their stories to illustrate every step of the experience.

S. David Nathanson, M.D., is a breast surgical oncologist and current director of Breast Care Services in the Department of Surgery at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit. He is the author of some 200 journal articles and book chapters. Wendy Goldberg will also appear with the author to speak about her personal story.

Anita Norich

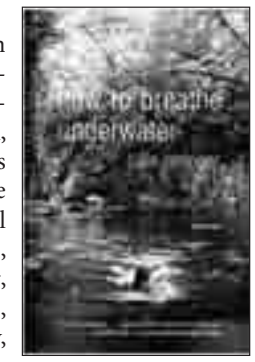
Anita Norich's *Discovering Exile: Yiddish and Jewish Culture* During the Holocaust analyzes American Yiddish culture and its development during the European Holocaust and shows how our understanding of American Jewish culture has been utterly distorted by the omission of this context. It explores responses to some of the most intense cultural controversies of the period, examining texts in various genres written by the most important Yiddish writers and critics and placing them at the center of discussions of literary modernism and cultural modernity.

Anita Norich

Norich seeks to demythologize Yiddish as *mame-loshn* (mother tongue)—as merely the language of the home and the past—by returning to a time of great, if ironic, vibrancy, when Yiddish writers confronted the very nature of their existence in unprecedented ways. Under increasing pressure of news from the war front and silence from home, these writers re-imagined modernism, the Enlightenment, political engagement, literary conventions, and symbolic language.

Anita Norich is associate professor of English and Judaic Studies at the U-M. She is the author of *The Homeless Imagination in the Fiction of Israel Joshua Singer* (1991) and co-editor of *Gender and Text in Modern Hebrew and Yiddish Literatures* (1992).

Julie Orringer



The stories in *How to Breathe Underwater,* Julie Orringer's debut collection, swim with tragedies both commonplace and horrific. A fall from a treehouse, an ailing mother, a near-drowning, a premature baby, a gun—each is the source of a young woman's coming-of-age, which we witness through Orringer's lovely, driving prose. The author possesses an uncanny ability to capture scenes and complex emotions in quick strokes. In "Pilgrims," young Ella is taken to a hippie household for Thanksgiving, where her mother joins several other cancer patients in search of natural remedies: "Some of them wore knitted hats like her mother, their skin dull-gray, their eyes purple-shaded underneath. To Ella it seemed they could be relatives of her mother's, shameful cousins recently discovered." Shame is as omnipresent as water in this collection, sadly appropriate for stories about girls becoming women. Orringer possesses an acute understanding of the many rules of girlhood, in particular the uniquely childish importance of "not telling" (for fear of becoming a traitor, and consequently, an outcast). Though her subjects may take us to the murky depths—submerging us in the cruelties girls and siblings commit against each other—Orringer's nimble writing and subtle humor allow us to breathe.

Julie Orringer is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and Cornell University, and was a Stegner Fellow in the Creative Writing Program at Stanford University. Her stories have appeared in *The Paris Review, The Yale Review, Ploughshares, The Pushcart Prize Anthology,* and *Zoetrope: All-Story*. She is currently the Helen Hertzog Zell Visiting Professor in the U-M English Language and Literature Department.

Shachar Pinsker

Shachar Pinsker is a contributor to the anthology *Hebrew, Gender, and Modernity: Critical Responses to Dvora Baron's Ficton* discusses Dvora Baron (1886-1956), the first woman writer to have her Hebrew fiction canonized during the period of the Hebrew linguistic and cultural revival at the turn of the 20th century. Baron's representation of traditional Jewish culture, particularly women's culture, in experimental writing modes has shed new light on the relationship between tradition and modernity in Eastern European Jewish society and in the Palestinian Mandate at the beginning of the twentieth century. This book aims to represent, for the first time in any language, the scope and diversity of the recent scholarly interest in Dvora Baron and her fiction. The anthology presents the work of leading scholars in the field of Jewish and Hebrew studies from Israel and the United States. This collaborative effort creates a dialogue leading to a new and innovative approach to the field of Modern Hebrew literature and culture.

Shachar Pinsker

Shachar Pinsker is an assistant professor of Hebrew Literature and Culture at the U-M. He recently published And Suddenly We Reached God? The Construction of Secular and Religious in Israeli Literature, Journal of Modern Jewish Studies 5:1, 2006. He has published on Hebrew and Yiddish writers such as Bialik, Gnessin, Baron, Appelfeld, Birshtein and Kosman. He is currently completing a book-length study entitled, *Old Wine in New Flasks: Rabbinic Intertexts and the Making of Hebrew Modernism*, and has begun working on a new study on the place of Yiddish and East-Europe in Israeli literature and culture.

JCC honors Jewish Book Festival sponsors at reception and dinner

Rachel Rosenthal, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County will honor sponsors of the 20th Anniversary Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival with a cocktail reception and dinner on Thursday, November 15 at 6 p.m. There will be a "meet and greet" for sponsors during the cocktail reception with featured author, Naftali Bendavid. Sponsors will also receive a copy of his book, *The Thumpin': How Rahm Emanuel and the Democratic Party Learned to be Ruthless and Ended the Republican Revolution*. Bendavid will speak at 7:30 p.m. and the talk is free and open to the public.

The Thumpin' tells the story of how during the 2006 midterm elections, the Democratic party ended twelve years of electoral humiliation by seizing back Congress and putting an end to Republican rule. *The Thumpin'* is the story of that historic victory and the man at the center on whom Democratic hopes hinged: Congressman Rahm Emanuel, head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC).

Naftali Bendavid

Chicago Tribune reporter Naftali Bendavid had exclusive access to Emanuel and the DCCC in the year and a half leading up to the elections and ended up with the story of a lifetime, the thrilling blow-by-blow account of how Emanuel remade the campaign in his own ferocious image. Responsible for everything from handpicking congressional candidates to raising money for attack ads, Emanuel, a talented ballet dancer better known in Washington for his extraordinary intensity and his inexhaustible torrents of profanity, threw out the playbook on the way Democrats run elections.

Naftali Bendavid is deputy Washington bureau chief for the *Chicago Tribune*. Since coming to the *Tribune* in 1997, he has served as the paper's Justice Department correspondent and White House correspondent. He played a central role in the paper's coverage of the Ken Starr impeachment investigation, the contested 2000 election, and the September 11 attacks. Bendavid has also worked at several other papers, including the *Miami Herald* and *Legal Times*.

The Jewish Book Festival runs from November 11-18. To become a Book Festival Sponsor or for more information, contact the Jewish Community Center at 971-0990.

Mitchell Rycus

Mitchell Rycus' novel, *Rub up: Musings of a Navy Corpsman* is one sailor's inspiring journey of self-discovery. Born into a middle-class Jewish family in Detroit, Mike Rabin continually hopes for a better future. Wanting to be a free spirit, Mike drops out of Cass Tech's art program in the eleventh grade. But in his neighborhood, he is more likely to end up as a street hustler instead of something more prestigious, a fact that makes him feel pessimistic on more than one occasion.

Mitchell Rycus

Strongly influenced by his family roots, Mike also feels burdened with wartime angst. During World War II, he wasn't old enough to join the service and avenge the Jewish people, not to mention participate in one of the biggest events of his generation. But when the Korean War breaks out, eighteen-year-old Mike eagerly enlists in the U.S. Navy and is sent to Hospital Corps School.

Even though he frequently volunteers to be a fleet marine corpsman, Mike spends the entire Korean War never seeing combat. But Mike's cultural roots and his relationships with the people he meets in the navy influence his attitude—one that pushes him toward hope and away from the cynical pessimism of his youth.

Mitchell Julian Rycus was a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman from 1950-1954. After finishing his tour of duty he went on to become an aerospace scientist and later chaired the U-M's Urban Planning Program, where he specialized in urban security and planning methods. He is currently an emeritus professor and security consultant living in Ann Arbor.

Gabreil Weinreich

Gabriel Weinreich's *Confessions Of A Jewish Priest: From Secular Jewish War Refugee To Physicist And Episcopal Clergyman* is a riveting memoir. Weinrich's escape from the Holocaust, as well as his evolving perspective based on the reductionist thinking and rationalism that led him to become a university physicist, are chronicled along with his spiritual revelation. Weinrich embraced the tenets Christianity without forsaking his sense of "Jewishness"; though at one point in his life he considered himself a complete atheist, he eventually realized he was never truly an atheist at all. This is a deeply faithful and inspirational lifetime chronicle.

Gabriel Weinreich

Gabreil Weinreich was born in Vilna (then a part of Poland) in 1928. When the war broke out in 1939, the family was at first split up, but later reunited in New York when Gabriel was 12. There he went through high school, college, and graduate school, obtaining his PhD in physics from Columbia University in 1953. He then spent seven years with Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey before moving on to a professorship at the U-M, from where he retired with the title of Emeritus in 1995.

Weinreich's physics research has spanned many areas, including atomic beam spectroscopy, semiconductor physics, nonlinear optics, cryogenics, vibration of piano strings, dynamics and radiation field of violins, and dynamics of wind instruments. He has been the recipient of the Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award and Collegiate Professorship at the U-M, the International Medal of the Société Française d'Acoustique, the Klopsteg Prize of the American Association of Physics Teachers, and the Carleen Hutchins Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Musical Acoustics. He is the author of five physics books and dozens of research papers. ■

Ambassador Dennis Ross to speak at Lunch and Learn

Rachel Rosenthal, special to the WJN

Ambassador Dennis Ross will be the featured author at noon on Tuesday, November 14 as part of the Lunch and Learn series of the 20th Anniversary Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival at the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County. The cost for lunch is $9. The talk is free and open to the public. There will also be a special briefing for Jewish Book Festival sponsors preceding Ambassador Ross' talk.

Ambassador Ross

Ambassador Dennis Ross is Ziegler distinguished fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. For more than twelve years, Ambassador Ross played a leading role in shaping U.S. involvement in the Middle East peace process and in dealing directly with the parties in negotiations. A highly skilled diplomat, Ambassador Ross was this country's point man on the peace process in both the George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations. He was instrumental in assisting Israelis and Palestinians in reaching the 1995 Interim Agreement; he also successfully brokered the Hebron Accord in 1997, facilitated the 1994 Israel-Jordan peace treaty, and intensively worked to bring Israel and Syria together.

Ambassador Ross worked closely with secretaries of state James Baker, Warren Christopher, and Madeleine Albright. Prior to his service as special Middle East coordinator under President Clinton, Ross served as director of the State Department's Policy Planning office in the first Bush administration. In that position, he played a prominent role in developing U.S. policy toward the former Soviet Union, the unification of Germany and its integration into NATO, arms control negotiations, and the development of the 1991 Gulf War coalition. Ambassador Ross was awarded the Presidential Medal for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service by President Clinton, and Secretaries Baker and Albright presented him with the State Department's highest award.

Ross will discuss his latest book, *Statecraft: And How to Restore America's Standing in the World.* How did it come to pass that, not so long after 9/11 brought the free world to our side, U.S. foreign policy is in a shambles? In this thought-provoking book, the renowned peace negotiator Dennis Ross argues that the Bush administration's problems stem from its inability to use the tools of statecraft—diplomatic, economic, and military—to advance our interests.

Statecraft is as old as politics: Plato wrote about it, Machiavelli practiced it. After the demise of communism, some predicted that statecraft would wither away. But Ross explains that in the globalized world—with its fluid borders, terrorist networks, and violent unrest—statecraft is necessary simply to keep the peace.

Ambassador Ross outlines how statecraft helped shape a new world order after 1989. He shows how the failure of statecraft in Iraq and the Middle East has undercut the United States internationally and makes clear that only statecraft can check the rise of China and the danger of a nuclear Iran. Ross draws on his expertise to reveal the art of successful negotiation and he shows how the next president could resolve today's problems and define a realistic, ambitious foreign policy. ■

Children's Programs to feature PJ Library authors

Rachel Rosenthal, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County's 20th Anniversary Jewish Book Festival will host two children's programs featuring PJ Library authors. Jacqueline Jules, author of *Abraham's Search for God*, will appear on Sunday, November 11 at 11 a.m. This program is for preschool age children and their families and the cost is $10 per family and a pizza lunch will be served. Heidi Smith Hyde, author of *Mendel's Accordion* will appear on Sunday, November 18 at 4 p.m. This program is for children ages 4–10 and there is no cost to attend.

Jacqueline Jules is known widely for her series of children's books about The Ziz, Who is the Ziz? He is the king of all the birds—a large and fabulous creature who lived long, long ago in Jewish mythology. Whenever the Ziz has a problem, he goes to Mount Sinai to seek God's advice. Titles include *The Ziz and the Hanukah Miracle* and *Noah and the Ziz*. Her most recent children's book, *Abraham's Search for God* asks the question, how did Abraham become known as the father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam?

The event with Jacqueline Jules is sponsored by the JCC Early Childhood Center, the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County, Temple Beth Emeth and the Benard L. Maas Foundation. This will be an interactive program for young children and their families. To RSVP, contact the JCC at 971-0990.

Heidi Smith Hyde is the author of *Mendel's Accordion*. The story follows Mendel, a klezmer musician, from his village in Melnitze to the big city of New York. Though immigrants brought few possessions with them to America, Jewish traditions like klezmer music will live on for generations.

Participants will dance to live accordion music, make their own musical instruments and enjoy reading the book. There will also be a performance by the Klez Kidz led by Debra Gombert. This event is sponsored by Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County, Temple Beth Emeth and the Benard L. Maas Foundation. ■

Event at the downtown Borders Store features Steven Lee Beeber

Rachel Rosenthal, special to the WJN

Steven Lee Beeber, author of *Heebie Jeebies at CBGBs: The Secret History of Jewish Punk* will appear at the downtown Borders store on Sunday, November 18 at 7 p.m. as part of the JCC 20th Anniversary Ann Arbor Jewish Book Festival.

On October 1, 2006 the original CBGB nightclub shut its doors for good. The little Lower East Side Jewish-owned club became the center of the New York punk scene and Steven Lee Beeber's book, *The Heebie-Jeebies at CBGB's: A Secret History of Jewish Punk* delves into punk's beginnings to show that punk was the most Jewish of rock movements, in both make-up and attitude.

Steven Lee Beeber

As it originated in Manhattan's Lower East Side in the early 1970s, punk rock was the apotheosis of a Jewish cultural tradition that found its ultimate expression in the generation born after the Holocaust. With recent interviews with more than 125 people, including Tommy Ramone (The Ramones), Chris Stein (Blondie), Lenny Kaye (Patti Smith Group) and Hilly Kristal, owner of CBGB, this tale of changing Jewish identity in America reveals the conscious and unconscious forces that drove New York Jewish rockers to reinvent themselves—and popular music.

Steven Lee Beeber has written for many publications, including: *Bridge, Conduit, Fiction, Heeb, Maxim, MOJO, The New York Times, The Paris Review, Playboy.com, Rain Taxi,* and *Spin*. He is the editor of *Awake: A Reader for the Sleepless*, an anthology featuring work by writers including Margaret Atwood, Aimee Bender, Joyce Carol Oates, and Davy Rothbart. ■

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Community

TBE and JCC cosponsor interfaith workshops

Devon Fitzig, special to the WJN

Several members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community recently attended a workshop on Interfaith issues at Temple Beth Emeth. The program, "Eggs, Plagues, Trees & Dreidels: Navigating the Holidays in the Interfaith Family," focused on holiday-related issues. The panel was moderated by Jim Keen, TBE member and author of Inside Intermarriage: A Christian Partner's Perspective on Raising a Jewish Family.

The diverse panel consisted of Rabbi Robert Levy, and various people affected by this issue: an interfaith couple, a Jewish parent of an interfaith couple, a non-Jewish parent of an interfaith couple helping to raise Jewish grandchildren, the adult child of an interfaith marriage and a Jew by Choice who is also intermarried. Only the interfaith couple on the panel was related to each other.

Many wonderful anecdotes came out of the panel discussion as well as explanations of various conflicts that arose between extended family. Participants had a chance to discuss various issues in small groups following the panel presentation.

"It put such a positive spin on interfaith relationships. I feel like I am now looking at my interfaith relationship as an asset that can provide my family with a very enriching life." commented Naomi Braun, a young mom in Ann Arbor. Another participant, Loretta Friend said, "The sharing of stories with each other was so rich. The combination of listening to a varied panel and then having the opportunity to share among ourselves, including panel members, was great. It was a great way to meet people especially those who share a similar experience."

Temple Beth Emeth's Interfaith Couples Discussion Group is looking forward to the next program on Sunday, December 2, 3–5 p.m., "Bris, Baptism, Bat Mitzvah: Navigating Lifecycle Events in the Interfaith Family." The Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County will be hosting and co-sponsoring the event. A new panel of participants will discuss how their family has dealt with traditional Jewish and non-Jewish life cycle rituals. The panel presentation will also be followed by small discussion groups. ■

These programs are open to the community and there is no charge. For more information or to find out about TBE's Interfaith Couples Discussion Group, contact Devon Fitzig at dfitzig@templebethemeth.org or 655-4744.

Op-Ed

Food Co-op vote sends clear message

By Jessica Lieberman

Peoples Food Co-op members are arguably among the most liberal in Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor is one of the most liberal cities in the US. If any audience could be expected to welcome an anti-Israel boycott, it was Co-op members. And yet they voted over three to one against the boycott.

Why this lopsided outcome? No doubt several factors were at play. Many people were put off by the boycotters' aggressive injection of an issue that had nothing to do with the Co-op's mission. Others were alienated by the simplistic attempt to blame only one side in a complex dispute in which both Israelis and Palestinians share responsibility. But a remarkable number of people also were antagonized by the boycotters' record during the last five years of picketing Beth Israel Congregation every Saturday morning as part of their anti-Israel campaign. In fact, among those who expressed an opinion to me while I was in front of the Co-op, this was one of the most common complaints.

What is wrong with picketing a synagogue? Why should so many people find it deeply offensive? It is dreadfully wrong on two grounds.

First, it imputes a political agenda to an organization that is purely religious. Beth Israel Congregation exists for one purpose only: so that its members can pray to God and celebrate holidays together. Beth Israel never has expressed itself in writing or in sermons for or against any Israeli policy. It does not advocate for any political position, nor does it provide a forum for such advocacy. It is, to repeat, a religious institution entitled to the same respect as any other house of worship. But the picketers—none of whom is religious, only a small number of whom are Jewish, and none of whom know anything at all about Beth Israel activities—profane the Sabbath and regularly insult worshippers for no reason other than that they are observant Jews.

This, then, is their second offense: a crude form of racial stereotyping. As individuals, Beth Israel members represent the complete spectrum of opinion on the Mideast, from the most conservative to the most liberal, with some having no strong opinions at all. But the picketers assume that all share a single outlook for the sole reason that all are observant Jews. Would the picketers tolerate protests outside an African-American church for the sole reason that all its members are black? Would they tolerate accusations that all members of the Ann Arbor mosque support terrorism? Ethnic prejudice against Jews is no less ugly.

In essence, Ann Arbor's anti-Israel lobby now faces a choice. They can continue their self-defeating, self-isolating actions. In so doing, they can take a page from George Bush's playbook: "When in a hole, keep digging."

Or they can accept the Co-op vote as a wake-up call: Their approach has been repudiated by most decent people who pay any attention to their crusade. They can choose political forums to express political views. Better yet, they can recognize that they have no monopoly on truth and reach out to those of all backgrounds—including members of Beth Israel—who seek a just settlement in the Mideast. They can start such outreach by calling off their weekly assaults on a house of worship. ■

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Caetano Veloso

FRI, NOV 9 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

Caetano Veloso has long been considered the Brazilian Bob Dylan, and like Dylan, he continues to surprise as he grows older. Universally credited with redefining Brazilian music, he is at once an astute social commentator and balladeer of highly emotive love songs. His most recent album, *Cê*, sounds "more like indie rock than any of the other, highly varied music that he has made in the past 40 years" (*The New Yorker*). UMS hosts the only Midwest date on this limited US tour.

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The concert is currently sold out, but please call the ticket office for returns.

PROGRAM

Schubert	Arpeggione Sonata in a minor, D. 821
Shostakovich	Sonata in d minor, Op. 40
Piazzolla	Le Grand Tango
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Building a House of Abraham

Jan Katz, special to the WJN

Temple Beth Emeth and Beth Israel Congregation have joined forces with local Christian and Islamic organizations in the Ann Arbor area to build the "House of Abraham" —the first interfaith new home project for a Washtenaw County family in need. The House of Abraham is located in Ypsilanti Township. Construction began in October and will go through December.

Zabiba Mussa and Taju Ali are Ethiopian refugees. As children they walked 500 miles from war and famine to a Red Cross displaced persons camp in Kenya. In 1999 a church sponsored the families' relocation to Grand Rapids. Taju is now working in the Ann Arbor area. Zabiba just finished high school and is in nursing school.

Support is needed, both financially and volunteer labor, for everything from building walls and electrical wiring to preparing food for the workers and telephoning volunteer crews. A total of ten building volunteers are needed each day Thursday through Sunday from the combined participating organizations. Volunteers will be contacted for the phase of construction needing their skills.

Construction contractors are asked to consider providing a gift-in-kind of labor and/or material. Donations will be acknowledged by Habitat for Humanity. For more information, visit www.h4h.org/builds ■

Taju and Zabiba (2nd and 3rd from the left) with local religious leaders

Course focuses on connection to Israel

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

Just weeks after the release of a recent study that found only half of American Jews under the age of 35 are comfortable with the idea of a Jewish state, the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) today announced a new six-week course—to be offered at 750 locations around the world—that focuses on the millennia-old spiritual bond between Jews and Israel. JLI is the adult education arm of Chabad-Lubavitch.

"Israel: The Land and the Spirit" will be offered in Ann Arbor under the auspices of Ann Arbor Chabad House. The class will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County on six Tuesdays from November 6 to December 18, from 7:30–9 p.m.

Having sensed a growing alienation on the part of contemporary Jewry for some time, JLI—the world's largest provider of adult Jewish education programs—has spent the last two years developing a curriculum for the "Israel: The Land and the Spirit" course, in an international effort to educate young Jewish adults about Israel.

"Chabad is deeply concerned by the study's findings, as is everyone in the Jewish communal world," said JLI Director Rabbi Efraim Mintz. "We need to do everything we can, as quickly as we can, to begin to reverse this growing indifference to Israel. But, appreciation for Israel will only come through knowledge and understanding. Unlike previous Israel-focused courses that have traditionally covered the history and politics of the State of Israel, "The Land and the Spirit" will explore the nature of the deep spiritual bond that has existed between the Jewish people and the land of Israel throughout the ages.

Commenting on the course, Sir Martin Gilbert, a leading British historian and official biographer of Winston Churchill, said the "spiritual values and centrality of the Land of Israel are expounded through a fascinating range of religious and secular texts and opinions … from Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson to Natan Sharansky, from the sages of the Talmud to opinion writers in contemporary newspapers. These texts, like the course itself, will serve a noble cause in stimulating thought and encouraging understanding."

Each of the six weekly classes will focus also on Israeli cities that have served as national spiritual centers at different points in Jewish history: Beersheba, Hebron, Tiberias, Nablus (Shchem), Sefat and, of course, Jerusalem. Knowledge gained is expected to spur travel to Israel and further study.

The fee for the course is $75, which includes the textbook, as well as access to online forums and message boards to facilitate communication between students and faculty. In light of the study's findings, enrollment is free for participants under age 30, who need only to purchase the course textbook. Anyone may attend the first class with no obligation. For more information contact Rabbi Aharon Goldstein 995-3276 extension 11, or email Chabad@jewmich.com ■

Temple Beth Emeth November programs

Devon Fitzig, special to the WJN

Families with Young Children

For families with kids aged birth to five years old. Older siblings and grandparents are welcome as always. Non members are welcome at all events. For more information, contact Devon Fitzig, dfitzig@templebethemeth.org, 665-4744 or Jill Pritts, jillpritts@yahoo.com.

Tot Shabbat EVERY WEEK

Join us every week for Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m., $4/person.

PJ (Pajama) Library

Look for information on PJ Library events held during the Jewish Community Center Book Festival on November 11 and 18. PJ Library is a free book a month program for families that have children aged six months to seven years old. If you'd like to participate, contact Devon Fitzig, dfitzig@templebethemeth.org or 665-4744.

Twenties & Thirties

Twenties and Thirties (TNT) of Temple Beth Emeth provides a welcoming, inclusive Jewish community through monthly social and cultural activities. Non-TBE members are welcome. Visit http://www.templebethemeth.org/tnt for upcoming events, email tnt@templebethemeth.org or call 665-4744.

Potluck Shabbat Dinner

Friday, November 2, 7 p.m.

RSVP to Dara Perry at dara@detailsart.com.

Whirleyball Event

Sunday, November 11, Time TBA

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Movie Tuesday

Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport, November 6, 1–3 p.m.

For people with flexible schedules. Monthly film and discussion series held at TBE on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. Coffee and noshes provided. Childcare is available with advanced notice. Movie Tuesdays usually occur on the third Tuesday of the month.

In the nine months prior to the German invasion of Poland in September 1939, Great Britain conducted an extraordinary rescue mission known as the Kindertransport. While few countries accepted Jewish refugees, the British took in 10,000 Jewish and other children. The children were transported from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Poland and placed in British foster homes and hostels. Most never saw their parents again.

This compelling documentary tells the story of the Kindertransport through firsthand accounts of twelve of the children who were rescued, as well as a parent, a foster parent, and two rescuers. Their recollections are illustrated by rare archival footage and photographs. The film touches on love, sacrifice, and responsibility among parents forced to make an agonizing decision, the role of memory, the meaning of identity, and the intermingling of gratitude and loss among the children. A TBE member and former Kindertransporter, has been invited to speak after the film.

Continuing Jewish Meditation, Wednesdays 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Meditation and group discussion will take place in the TBE Chapel most Wednesdays. This fall the group will be studying the Baal Shem Tov and his writings. The book used is available from Amazon. It is entitled Tzava'at Harivash, The Testament of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov, translated by Jacob Immanuel Schochet. Contact Judy Freedman for more information at 769-1709 or freedmanjudy@comcast.net. Drop in anytime.

November 7, 14 and 28 and December 5, 12 and 19.

Lunch & Learn: Pirke Avot with Rabbi Robert Levy Fridays, noon–1 p.m., through November 16.

In the middle of the mishnah's discussion of civil law is a small collection of rabbinic philosophy. Pirke Avot or Sayings of the Fathers is a compilation of pithy rabbinic wisdom and can serve as a window into the rabbinic mind. This event is in the Adult Lounge. Childcare may be available with advanced notice.

Friday afternoon Meditation and Learning, 1–2 p.m.

This event is in the chapel following the Rabbi's Pirke Avot course. The two learning opportunities are separate. Participants can take one or both. Through November 16. Focuses on the weekly parasha (Torah portion) with a teaching from Rabbi Levy followed by meditation led by Judy Freedman. All levels are welcome. Childcare may be available with advanced notice. Drop in anytime.

Saturday morning Torah Study

An exploration of the weekly Torah portion held in the TBE chapel. Saturdays at 8:50 am, followed by a lay-led chapel service at 9:30 a.m. (optional). Casual dress is fine.

Women's Rosh Chodesh on Sunday, November 11 and December 9, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the new moon/month in a meaningful gathering of women. Co-sponsored by Caring Community and the TBE Sisterhood, each short service is followed by a discussion, study session, or special presentation. You'll find a complete service schedule at www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/rosh_chodesh. For more information, contact Abbie Egherman at 975-0828 or aje_2001@yahoo.com. To subscribe to the Rosh Chodesh email list, contact Devon at dfitzig@templebethemeth.org. Childcare may be available with advanced notice.

Jewish Hikers of Michigan Sundays, November 18, 1 p.m., Locations TBA

Join a new and exciting natural, social, spiritual and ecological group in Southwest Michigan. Jewish Hikers of Michigan (JHOM) is sponsored by Temple Beth Emeth's Caring Community and is open to anyone. All adult couples, singles and children are welcome. The hikes will take place on a monthly basis on different trails in the local area. All skill levels are welcome. Bring your backpack, munchies and drinks. Each hike will last approximately 1-1/2 to 2 hours. For further information, contact Eli at 883-9522 or Eve at 546-9645, or email jewish.hikers@gmail.com; Web site: http://www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/jewish_hikers_of_michigan

Workshop on Interfaith Issues co-sponsored with the JCC

Interfaith couples and their relatives are encouraged to attend this upcoming session on lifecycle events at the Jewish Community Center of Washtenaw County. The workshop will feature a panel and break-out discussion groups. The panel will be moderated by Jim Keen, TBE member and author of Inside Intermarriage: A Christian Partner's Perspective on Raising a Jewish Family. If you are celebrating Judaism in the home or would like to and want to know more, this session is for you.

"Bris, Baptism, Bat Mitzvah: Navigating Lifecycle Events in the Interfaith Family" Sunday, December 2, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m, at the JCC.

TBE's interfaith couples discussion group meets monthly. Non-members and relatives of an interfaith couple (Jewish/not Jewish) are welcome. Open to the community. Visit the website at http://www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/interfaith

Activities at Beth Israel Congregation

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Monday Evening Torah Study

Rabbi Dobrusin will continue his weekly Monday evening Talmud Study with a study of sections from the Talmudic tractate of Sotah. This tractate features fascinating interpretations on stories from the Torah as well as interesting and intricate legal debates. The Hebrew text with English translation will be used, and all discussions will be in English. No knowledge of Hebrew is required but those who know Hebrew will be able to use and improve their Hebrew skills. This will be an appropriate class both for those with experience studying Talmud and those who are doing so for the first time. Each session will focus on one particular section of text so participants may attend the one or several classes convenient for them. These sessions will take place on November 12, 19, and 26.

Lunch and Learn Series on Wednesdays

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin presents two sessions on sites he visited in Israel last summer. On November 7, from noon–1:15 p.m., he will discuss "Tzippori, the Capital City of Rabbinic Judaism." On November 14, from noon–1:15 p.m., he will present "Jerusalem, the Holy City and Capital of Israel." Part travelogue, part text study and part discussion, these sessions will help clarify the Jewish connection with Israel, past, present and future.

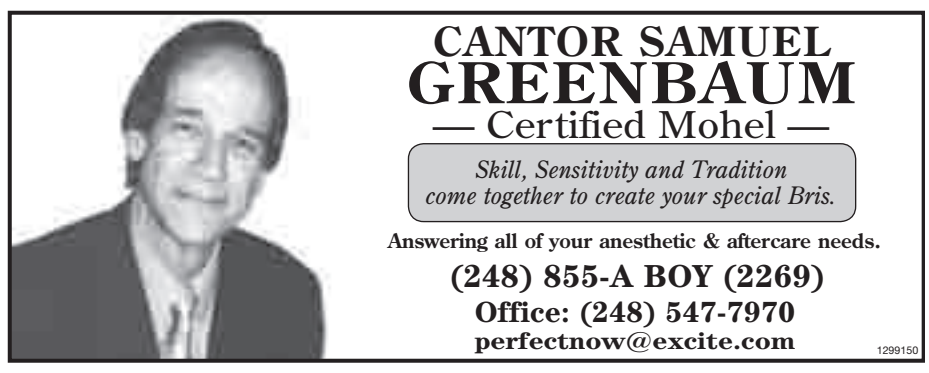
Shabbat Child Care and Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat for three to five year olds and their parents will meet on Saturday mornings November 10 and November 24, 11 a.m.–noon. Tot Shabbat on November 10 is led by Peretz Hirshbein, assistant director of the JCC's Early Childhood Center, and on November 24 by Jenn Levine. Participants enjoy stories, puppets, songs, and a special kiddush just for three to five year olds and their parents. In addition, tots and their families are invited to a Kabbalat Shabbat program on Friday, November 2, at 5:30 p.m., preceding the Nigerian Themed Shabbat Dinner at 6:15 p.m. (There is a charge for the dinner).

Childcare for pre-schoolers aged two to five years old is offered every Saturday from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Rabbi Gorin, "Chief Rabbi of Nigeria"

Rabbi Howard Gorin, who has worked with several African Jewish communities, including the Ugandan Abayudaya tribe, and members of the Nigerian Ibo tribe. will speak on "A Jewish Tribe in Nigeria?" on Thursday, November 1, at 6 p.m., at the Michigan League. The event is co sponsored by AHMOJA, the Frankel Center, and the Center for Afro-American and African Studies. On Friday, November 2, at 7 p.m., he will speak at Beth Israel Congregation on "What A Nice Jewish Boy is Doing in Africa." On Saturday, November 3 during Shabbat services (about 11 a.m.) Rabbi Gorin will present "How Jewish Are they?" and on Sunday, November 4, from 9:30–10:40 a.m. Rabbi Gorin will talk about "Links in a Chain: The Jews of Nigeria." There is no charge for any of the lectures. Rabbi Gorin is the spiritual leader of Tikvat Israel Congregation in Rockville, Maryland.



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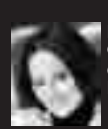

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Haftarah for Vayetze

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN

The Torah portion of Vayetze, read this year on November 17, begins with the story of Jacob's dream of a ladder rising up to heaven with angels ascending and descending. Jacob has this dream while fleeing from the anger of his older brother Esau, after Jacob had received the blessing intended for the first born.

The Haftarah reading for that Shabbat begins with a reference to Jacob's flight. There, the prophet Hosea says, Jacob guarded sheep (for his future father-in-law, Lavan) and in return was given a wife.

Jacob's guarding of sheep is then compared by the prophet to Moses guarding the people of Israel in the desert.

The main point of the Haftarah is the ungratefulness that the people of Israel have shown to God. Through acts of idolatry and disloyalty to the covenant, the people, Hosea says, have rejected God. The entire section of Hosea is intended to drive home the point that after all God did for the people, they still failed to recognize and appreciate the protection that God had offered them.

The language of the Haftarah, while upsetting, is beautiful as well. In precise and graphic language, Hosea urges the people to return to God. He urges them to replace sacrifices with words of sincere prayer and commitment. He advises them to turn away from idolatry and concerns for power, asking the people to say: "No more will we ride on steeds; nor ever again will we call our handiwork our God."

In turn, the prophet says, God will consider their affliction and take them back in love. He likens the people to a tree which would bloom again, flowers which would bloom with a beautiful fragrance.

While we might reject the idea of punishment in this world being related to our disloyalty to our covenant or our lack of appreciation for God, the Haftarah still reminds us that humility and an awareness of the gifts we have been given contribute greatly to the quality of our lives.

It is ironic that most years we read this section very close to Thanksgiving. In fact, this year it is read on the Shabbat before Thanksgiving and therefore its message carries extra meaning to all of us.

Thanksgiving, which is based upon our own holiday of Sukkot, is a unique holiday for American Jews. It is one in which we can share with enthusiasm and celebration, with an awareness for the blessing we have received and the thanks we owe to God. It is a holiday in which we can join with our neighbors of all faiths and celebrate together in expressing our commonalities and our hopes for the future.

I love Thanksgiving for several reasons. First, having grown up in New England, you have to love the holiday—it's in your blood.

Secondly, I love it because as much as I love Jewish holidays, I look forward to a holiday with no additional restrictions on behavior. The legal restrictions which mark the Jewish holidays play a very important part in their observance and are welcome breaks from daily life, but the opportunity once a year to observe Thanksgiving in the American way is also a positive experience.

Finally, I love Thanksgiving because of its simple, profound message. The message of thanks to God, thanks to our family and friends, thanks for being able to live in a world so beautiful, so blessed, so full of opportunities.

Let us spend the holiday doing the fun things that make it a day of great joy: family and friends, lots of good food, football and a nice walk in the crisp autumn air. But let us remember the meaning of the day by dedicating a part of it to helping those who are less fortunate, who don't have as much to be thankful for, and by thanking God for the harvest, the bounty, the beauty of our world.

And, as a show of our spirit of community, let us reach beyond ourselves. I urge you all to take part in a community Thanksgiving program such as the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration sponsored each year by the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County. This year's celebration, featuring music and readings from many different religious traditions, will take place at the First Congregational Church on State Street and William Street at 7 p.m. on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving, November 18. I am sure you will find it a memorable, meaningful evening.

May we be thankful at this season of the year and always. ■

Isaac and Rivka's marriage

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

This coming Shabbat Torah portion (November 3) is called Chayei Sara, and it contains an account of the first marriage mentioned in the Torah. This marriage, between Isaac and Rivka, affected and is a lesson for the Jewish people as a whole, and indeed the future of the entire nation which was to follow.

In a spiritual sense, this union between the two progenitors of the Jewish nation symbolizes the relationship between the two components of each individual—the body and the soul. Rivka was from Charan, a place which was primarily materialistic. Isaac, on the other hand, symbolizes the spiritual dimension, as he had already been consecrated as a "perfect offering" by his willingness to be sacrificed upon the altar. Their marriage epitomized the unity between these two contradictory concepts.

A Jew's soul, even when enclothed in a physical body, is totally at one with God, for it is "an actual part of God." The mission for which it is sent down into this corporeal world is to bring about a change in the material realm, elevating physical objects by performing *mitzvot* (commandments). This unity of the spiritual and the physical is achieved when the light of the soul is reflected within the body, and the body becomes nullified to the demands of the soul.

Ultimately, the unity achieved between body and soul should extend to the point that it is obvious that all of a person's activities are performed by both in tandem. Afterwards, this unity should be extended into the world at large, so as to encompass every dimension of existence in the entire world.

In this manner, the Jew acts as God's emissary, transforming the world into a dwelling place for Godliness. Thus, the Jew becomes an extension of Godliness, in the same way that an emissary shares a single purpose and a single identity with the one who sent him on his mission.

The ultimate goal of this unity between the spiritual and the physical is the Era of Redemption, when this unity will be open and apparent. Our task as Jews is to hasten this process by doing mitzvot and studying Torah, for it was the giving of the Torah that allowed for the possibility of such unity. Prior to the Torah's revelation on Mount Sinai, spirituality and physicality, body and soul, were two distinct entities which could not merge. When Moshiach comes, speedily in our day, the unity achieved through our Torah service will be revealed in the world at large and the union between body and soul will be consummated.

As the children of Isaac and Rivka, every dimension of our existence should therefore be permeated by the awareness of this Divine mission, to make this world a proper dwelling place for God. ■

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Outreach advocates unveil coalition at confab, set to launch new initiatives

By Sue Fishkoff

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Rabbi Kerry Olitzky has been urging the Jewish community to be more welcoming to intermarried and unaffiliated families for the past 20 years.

Now the executive director of the Jewish Outreach Institute and his New York-based organization seem poised for a major breakthrough.

At its oversubscribed conference in Washington last weekend, the institute launched a new national outreach advocacy coalition. This comes on the heels of a big growth spurt in outreach programming throughout the country.

"I'd like to believe we've reached the tipping point," said Olitzky, looking around at the 250 rabbis, Jewish educators, lay leaders and professionals who gathered for the three-day confab.

They were there to learn how to make their institutions more accessible and engaging—and, not coincidentally, to grow their memberships.

"We're sitting on top of something incredible here," said Rabbi Alvin Sugarman, rabbi emeritus of The Temple in Atlanta. "Two hundred and fifty this year, 2,500 next year. If Jewish continuity was the watchword for the past 10 years, now it's this."

The highlight of the get-together was Olitzky's announcement of the Big Tent Judaism Coalition, an online directory of Jewish institutions committed to inclusiveness and an open-door policy.

Anyone can sign onto the coalition at www.BigTentJudaism.org, Olitzky said, and become part of a national network that will share outreach resources, receive free training from institute staff and spread the message of inclusiveness—code for welcoming those not traditionally part of the Jewish community, particularly the intermarried, converts, and gays and lesbians.

"We will help those institutions that sign up to become more welcoming, and people looking can come to us and we'll put them in touch with these welcoming institutions," Olitzky said.

The institute has made a big push in the past two years to get outreach on top of the Jewish agenda.

Its Mothers Circle, a support group for non-Jewish women who are raising Jewish children, has exploded since late 2005 from one city to 26.

This year, with funding from the Samuel Bronfman Foundation, the institute began working with Hillel on 10 college campuses. This summer it began piloting a synagogue outreach program for intermarried families in Atlanta, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

The Grandparents Circle, a support group for grandparents with intermarried children, is set to kick off in Los Angeles, and in the spring the institute hopes to offer Empowering Ruth, a multi-week course to teach new women converts the practical details of building Jewish homes.

These projects require funders who believe in outreach, Olitzky noted, as well as communal organizations willing to give up their private fiefdoms and work together.

More and more Jewish communities have bought into the outreach agenda.

"Outreach and engagement are the No. 1 priority for our federation today," said Dottie Bennett, a lay leader at the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, echoing sentiments shared by many of her colleagues.

While there was a good cross-section of liberal rabbis at the conference, the Orthodox buy-in is still negligible. Rabbi David Rebibo of Phoenix was one of just two Orthodox rabbis there.

Although cautious about opening Jewish doors too wide, Rebibo said the Orthodox world shares the same concerns about dwindling Jewish engagement.

"We can't be blind to what's going on," he said. "The concept of being welcoming is important. So is education. What, do I want a little club of just Orthodox?"

Even rabbis from the liberal denominations said that outreach always involves setting boundaries.

Rabbi Brigitte Rosenberg, spiritual leader of the United Hebrew Congregation in St. Louis, noted that she is a Reform rabbi who does not officiate at interfaith weddings.

"To some people, that means I'm not welcoming," she said.

Rosenberg said she appreciated having the chance to hear from Jewish leaders outside her own movement.

"What's the goal of outreach?" she asked rhetorically. "Is the tent open to everybody, or are there standards? What maintains the validity of a Jewish community?" ■

Report: a fifth of Jewish foundation dollars going to Jewish, Israeli causes

By Jacob Berkman

NEW YORK (JTA) — The country's largest Jewish foundations give about a fifth of their funds to Jewish causes — and that number could fall, according to the researchers behind a report released this week.

The study conducted by the Institute for Jewish and Community Research was based on a review of the 2004 and 2005 tax returns of the 56 largest American foundations started by Jews.

According to the study, which was released Tuesday, at least eight of the largest 100 foundations in the country were started by Jews.

Of the $1.2 billion doled out by the foundations reviewed in the study, 21 percent went to Jewish causes, including 7 percent to causes in Israel.

Though that may appear to be a small slice of the philanthropic pie, Jewish interests were still the largest recipients of these foundations' money, followed by higher education at 17 percent, health-related causes at 16 percent, and arts and culture interests at 14 percent.

"It is what you would expect from a really integrated Jewish community," said Gary Tobin, co-author of the study and president of the Institute for Jewish and Community Research. "They are giving money in an integrated way."

The report revealed few surprises, but it could hold a serious warning for the future.

Tobin said the 21 percent given to Jewish causes could fall drastically as control of the foundations is passed to the next generation of directors, who may place less of a priority on Jewish causes.

In recent decades, foundations have become a much more important funding source for Jewish organizations and institutions. They now give more money annually to Jewish communal causes than the entire network of local Jewish federations collects from smaller donors each year.

Most of the foundations studied were started in the past 25 years, and still have benefactors who are alive and care somewhat about Jewish causes, Tobin said.

Twenty-five of the foundations distributed at least a quarter of their assets to Jewish causes.

"The further the foundations get from the founding donor, the more likely it is that they will move away from the wishes of the founding donor," Tobin said. "The founding donor might care a lot about Jewish causes, but his grandchildren or spouse or children might not."

Jeffrey Solomon, president of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Family Foundation, one of the foundations studied, said he knows of one foundation whose benefactor wanted his foundation to spend all of its money in Israel.

Two generations after he died, none of the trustees are Jewish and the foundation spends all of its money in Israel — on causes relating to Israeli Arabs.

"It is a well-known and sad fact of philanthropy that donor intent cannot be managed from the grave," Solomon said.

Some foundations have mechanisms in place to maintain the Jewish nature of their giving. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, for instance, has in its by-laws that 25 percent of its assets must be paid out to Jewish causes, according to its treasurer, Barry Schloss.

Tobin said that for those who are currently endowing foundations, the report should serve as a a warning to be explicit about how they want their money spent.

"Or better yet," he added, "to give their money away while they are alive." ■

Philanthropist bankrolling contest for the next big idea in Jewish life

By Jacob Berkman

NEW YORK (JTA) — Charles Bronfman wants to know if you have the next great Jewish idea — and he's willing to pay you for it.

The Andrea and Charles Bronfman Foundation will award a two-year visiting professorship at Brandeis University to the person who comes up with an idea that can transform how the Jewish community thinks about itself.

Along with the Charles R. Bronfman Visiting Chair in Jewish Communal Innovation, the winner of the open competition will receive a six-figure salary.

The winner, to be determined in late winter, will have two years at Brandeis to publish a significant English-language work based on his or her idea.

The goal is to find an idea akin to birthright israel, said Jonathan Sarna, chair of the Hornstein Jewish professional leadership program at Brandeis, which will administer the new chair.

"We only have to look at the high-tech industry to see that all ideas don't all pan out, but all you need is one Google or Mapquest to justify a whole lot of ideas that don't go anywhere," Sarna said. "We are looking within the Jewish community for great ideas like that. Charles Bronfman feels there may be lots of people who have those ideas and haven't had a chance to put them on the table and work them out."

Sarna said the idea is based on the contest held by Sears Roebuck and Co. chairman Julius Rosenwald in 1929, in which Rosenwald offered $10,000 to the person who could answer the question: "How can Judaism best adjust itself to and influence modern life?"

Sixty-two contestants answered the question over two years, until Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, submitted his work "Judaism as a Civilization" and won. The book became one of his seminal works and remains influential.

The Brandeis contest will be decided over a much shorter period. Applicants are asked to submit proposals to Brandeis of no longer than five pages about their idea, its audience and its relevance to communal issues. Finalists will be asked to publicly discuss the ideas at a symposium.

The winner will receive a salary estimated at $110,000 as well as benefits. He or she will be expected to teach a course per semester and present visiting lectures about the idea starting next fall. Brandeis University Press will publish the winner's book.

Sarna hopes the symposium will help even those who are not chosen to air their ideas.

Bronfman has allocated $1.5 million to the project with the idea of sponsoring a second contest and visiting chair in two years.

"People like Charles Bronfman understand the value of the new idea and that sometimes that new idea is out of the box," Sarna said.

Brandeis, he said, provides the perfect forum for such a contest because the Jewish Catalogue, a do-it-yourself, progressive and accessible guide to Judaism, was developed there in the 1960s.

"One of the Jewish community's greatest strengths in North America has been its ability to innovate generation to generation," Bronfman said in a news release. "It is our hope that this chair will reinforce this process at this time."

Details on the contest are available at www.brandeis.edu/jcs/resources/job/Bronfman%20Chair

Proposals, including a resume, teaching ideas and two recommendations, should be sent to Sarna either by e-mail at sarna@brandeis.edu, or c/o Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program, MS307, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02454-9110. ■

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A two thousand year journey: Israel to Ethiopia and back

Third installment of a three-part series

Eileen Freed, special to the WJN

This July, I had the opportunity to participate in the United Jewish Communities (UJC) Campaign Chairs and Directors (CCD) Mission in which 180 Jewish leaders traveled back and forth through time to learn first hand about the incredible journey and challenges of Israel's Ethiopian community. I was accompanied on the mission by the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County's 2008 Campaign Chair (and my husband), Gary Freed.

We spent our first day in Ethiopia learning about the final stages of the aliyah process and meeting Ethiopians who would be arriving home in Israel within the next 48 hours. Our itinerary for the second day had us traveling back in time to the former center of Ethiopian Jewish life – the mountainous Gondar region in the northwest corner of Ethiopia. This eye-opening experience gave us new insights into the cultural and sociological distances the immigrants from Ethiopia would have to travel as they acclimate to their new lives in Israel. The last leg of our trip had us returning to Israel to see what our partners, the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Ethiopian National Project (ENP), are doing to ensure that the Ethiopian community will succeed and become an integral, positive force in Israeli society.

New Immigrants come home

The new immigrants we had met in Ethiopia as they prepared for their journey home arrived in Israel on a beautiful sunny morning after what must have been the strangest experience in their lives to date. The group was accompanied on the flight by the young Ethiopian Israelis with whom we had traveled in Ethiopia. We heard tales of the difficulty in explaining the use of seat belts and stories of young children who didn't understand how to use the door to the airplane bathroom. After one of the Ethiopian Israelis showed his young seat mate how to use the facilities, a significant number of boys finally lined up to relieve themselves just as the plane was about to land.

The group arrived at Ben Gurion Airport's Arrivals Hall dazed, but relieved and happy about arriving in Israel. They waved Israeli flags as our group sang songs of welcome to celebrate their arrival. After being shepherded into the intake hall they received sandwiches wrapped in cellophane—lesson one: in this country food comes wrapped in a strange see-through paper that is next to impossible to open. After members of our group assisted the new immigrants with opening sandwiches and introducing them to the wonders of fruit punch, we left them to the process of entering the country and began our education about the lives of Ethiopians in Israel.

New arrival wih new friend

Status of Ethiopians in Israel

There are approximately 110,000 Ethiopians in Israel, 70 percent of whom live below the poverty line. Fifty percent of adult men are unemployed, and because of their limited income, Ethiopian families are concentrated in some of Israel's most difficult poor neighborhoods where they are susceptible to drugs, prostitution and crime. Twenty-five percent of students drop out before the end of high school, and only one in five high school graduates score high enough on their matriculation exams to enter university.

Ethiopians come from a very patriarchal society in which the man is the provider and leader of the family. In Israel, children pick

Children at PACT summer camp

up the new language more easily, women are more successful in obtaining employment, and men become increasingly frustrated by their new, less commanding status. The result is an increase in domestic violence, suicide and murder in the community. *(See related article on page 21.)*

During the past thirty years, many mistakes have been made in the absorption of Ethiopian immigrants, but there have been successes as well. The programs that have been most promising are those that focus on children and young adults and those that have been developed with and by members of the Ethiopian community. The Ethiopian National Project (ENP) is an initiative that, in partnership with other agencies working with the Ethiopian community, matches unmet needs in the community with existing successful programs and develops new programs with a focus on empowerment and mentorship for teenagers. Wherever possible, programs include Ethiopian-Israeli professionals who serve as role models of success for the youth and adults with whom they work.

Young Ethiopians prepare for their future

Our first visit in Nazareth was to an ENP Scholastics Assistance Summertime Experience for fifty 13-18 year old Ethiopian students, all of whom were born in Israel. This supplemental program gives promising students an opportunity to improve their English, math and Hebrew skills with the goal of improving their matriculation scores and increasing their chances of enrolling in university. In order to interact with the students, we split into teams and participated in a group activity with the teens including a spirited game of "Chinese football." Through our interaction with these young people, we witnessed the promise of the future of the community if they have access to the kind of support offered by program of this type. The ENP is operating summer educational programs in 200 schools in 30 communities throughout Israel and are beginning to show very positive results, but there is so much more they want to accomplish.

A digression – dancing and singing with the Golani Brigade

After our whirlwind trip to Israel, Ethiopia, and back it would have been understandable if we'd gone to bed early before the next full day of site visits. However, that would not have been as energizing or meaningful as the meal we spent with members of the Israel Defense Forces Golani Brigade on a terrace overlooking the Jezreel Valley. Many of young men were directly involved in last year's war in Lebanon, and they were all headed to Gaza the next day to relieve the Givati Brigade. Just that day, a member of the Givati was killed in Gaza, and this weighed on their minds. After an excellent meal with lively conversation, Israeli singer Einat Saruf led the entire group in sloppy, frenetic concentric circles singing, dancing and waving American, Israeli and Golani flags. The pure enjoyment of middle-aged American Jews and young Israeli soldiers from across the spectrum of religious observance, political beliefs and skin color was expression of Klal Yisrael (unity of Israel) that was as meaningful to these young soldiers as it was to us. As they were leaving, one of our young table companions told how moved he was by the time we spent together. Yonatan said he had no idea that "American Jews loved and cared so much about Israel" and that the evening had completely changed his impression of the relationship between Israel and American Jewry.

With teens at summer experience

Jewish Agency Programs help immigrants succeed

The Jewish Agency operates 35 absorption centers in Israel, 22 of which are devoted to the absorption and education of Ethiopian immigrants. Our group visited an absorption center in Nazereth Illit, right in the middle of Michigan's Partnership 2000 region, where new immigrants from the Former Soviet Union, Iraq, Poland, Ethiopia and India are learning to adjust to their new lives in Israel.

Approximately 150 young Ethiopian new immigrants ages 17 to 27 participate in JAFI's Kedma program in Nazareth Illit. This program provides a comprehensive approach to integration through academic preparation. Intensive Hebrew studies and supplemental educational activities enable these new arrivals to achieve academic success. The goal is to prepare them for continuing their education at the college or university level or to enroll in Kedma's vocational education track to prepare for careers as chefs or auto mechanics.

Another innovative program housed at the Nazereth Illit absorption center is Net@, a collaboration between JAFI, Keren Hayesod, Cisco Systems, and the Israeli Society for the Advancement of the Information Age. This four-year program helps Jewish and Arab Israeli students from disadvantaged areas become high-tech professionals and closes the technological gap between them and Israelis from more advantaged backgrounds. We spent some time with Denis from Argentina, Oren from Georgia, and Ya'akov from Ethiopia who taught us how to take apart and reconstruct a computer. At the end of the four-year program, they will all be certified computer network technicians and will be highly recruited by the army for elite technical units. This program is giving them a positive future, enabling them and their families achieve success in Israel.

JDC programs help close the gap

During the first year and a half in Israel, the Jewish Agency provides housing, job assistance, Ulpan (Hebrew language classes) and a wide range of services to help new immigrants acculturate to their new country. Most immigrants receive enough initial financial support to buy a home, but the small amount limits them to homes in poorer, disadvantaged neighborhoods where their education opportunities for are limited. The government welfare offices are overwhelmed and do not have the preparation or staffing to deal with the increased social problems in these communities.

The Joint Distribution Committee has extensive social service development and evaluation experience. JDC staff works to identify gaps and creates programs to address unmet needs. A 1998 study showed that 47 percent of Israeli-born Ethiopian children were not advancing to first grade from kindergarten. Factors contributing to this dismal statistic include a lack of awareness among Ethiopian parents about their role in preparing and supporting their children in a western educational system. Many of these parents are illiterate in their native language and have no understanding of their rights or the importance of their involvement in their children's education. Additionally, the children learn Hebrew from their non-fluent parents and enter school with much poorer language skills from their non-Ethiopian counterparts.

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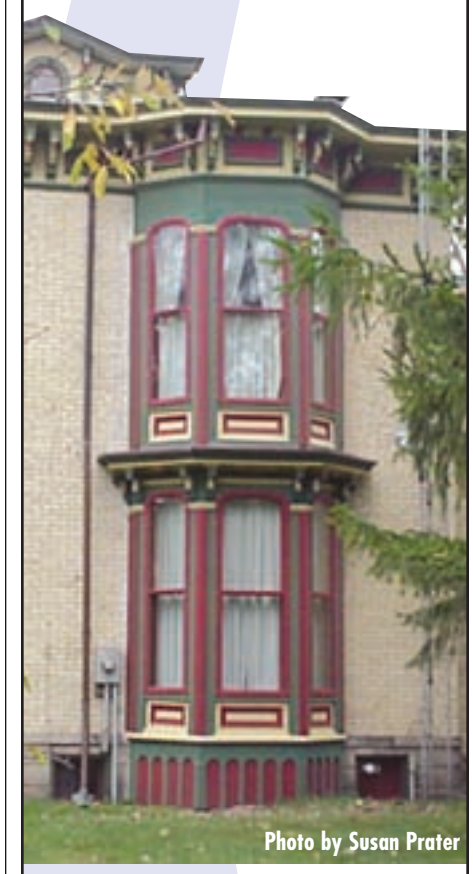

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Struggling with Israel's 'character'

It's time for Jews to grapple with the 'real' Israel, flaws and all

By Naomi Chazan

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Uninformed readers of the general American press these days learn only two things about Israel. One is that it is consumed with war and peace. The other is that this small state of 7 million people deploys—or does not, depending on whom you are reading—the most powerful, homogenous lobby in Washington, bending the American government's actions to its interests at will.

American Jews know better, of course. The quest for a fair and sustainable settlement to conflict in the Middle East is indeed central, but the peace process is not the only challenge of Israel's continuing struggle for survival as the state its founders intended it to be.

Important, too, are issues that define Israel as a society, as a homeland for Jews, as a democracy. In the long run these and related topics will contribute as much as military and diplomatic matters to answering the question of whether Israel will survive another 60 years.

Since serving as deputy speaker of the Knesset, I have spent more of my time on what I call the struggle for Israel's character. As a democracy with a thriving civil society, there is plenty of scope for argument in Israel over issues ranging from minority rights to religious freedom. However, there are also voices of extremism, intolerance and ultranationalism that threaten not just the Israeli ideal of a liberal, democratic state but the very mechanisms that allow us to fiercely debate the issues that will define our future.

For example, the independence of Israel's High Court, the most important guarantor of rights in a country without a written constitution, is under siege from right-wingers inside and outside the government who would like to subject it to political manipulation.

The struggle to impede the theocratic objectives of religious parties continues, with progressives working hard just to prevent further encroachment on what should be a firm religion-state divide.

Perhaps most important, and difficult, is the growing chasm between Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens, as some of the former continue to perpetuate de facto inequality, and the latter react with an increasingly radicalized vision of an Israel bereft of any identifying Jewish characteristics.

Moreover, Israel is a country facing increasing socio-economic discrepancies. The widening gap between the prosperous Israeli center and the struggling peripheries in the Galil and Negev was exacerbated by last summer's war against Hezbollah in Lebanon and the difficult recovery in the North.

Overall, the prospects for immigrant youth, Israeli Arabs, mizrachim—citizens from Middle Eastern and North African lands—residents of development towns, Bedouin and all the other outsiders to Israel's thriving economy remain severely constricted.

Women confront gender rights issues every day, and not just in the Orthodox and Israeli Arab communities. The disgusting parade of Israeli politicians accused and found guilty of sexual harassment and worse is the most visible indicator of a society struggling to overcome serious problems with patriarchy.

These and similar issues constantly, if not always consciously, affect the relations between Israel and world Jewry. The notion of a single-minded American pro-Israel lobby that only reflects the worldview of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee—Walt and Mearsheimer notwithstanding—is ridiculous.

In the next week I will be engaging, along with other Israeli progressive social activists, in a nine-city national conversation sponsored by the New Israel Fund titled "Towards a Progressive Vision for Israel."

Anyone attending these events for even an hour no doubt would conclude that much of the American Jewish community is to the left of some of its "official" spokesperson organizations, and that this large segment deserves a louder voice on key Israel-related issues.

Achieving a more powerful voice for these Jewish voices in the United States is crucial for two reasons. First, the taboo of criticizing Israel must be broken. The issue is not whether Israel is always right or always wrong, as the current discourse aridly asserts. Rather the question is how to deal constructively and creatively with Israel's very real problems. The debate about Israel must be reframed.

Second, the majority of Israeli citizens—who have achieved real successes advocating in an open, argumentative, self-critical society—need support from their American counterparts. When the most visible American backers of Israel are the Likud-fellow-traveler Jewish groups and the Christian right, it is almost impossible to counter those powerful and well-financed voices and the retrogressive values they champion.

Americans, whether Jewish or not, deserve more than a sound-bite understanding of what Israel is and where it may be going. Beyond the heartfelt support that most Americans feel for Israel are real dilemmas for the only fragile yet working democracy in the Middle East.

Most Israelis see the threat of religious ultranationalism, minority repression and economic inequity all too clearly. It is time for true democrats in both Israel and the United States to challenge themselves with the reality of Israel in its 60th year: a vibrant, thriving country still striving for ideals not yet attained. ■

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Domestic violence proves deadly for Ethiopians disoriented by aliyah

By Dina Kraft

RISHON LE ZION, Israel (JTA) – In a dusty courtyard filled with yellowing grass and weeds, the day's mourners gather, still shocked by the death of Sukula Sukul, killed when her husband took a kitchen knife and stabbed her as their children slept.

The Sukuls and their 11 children immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia two years ago. Now the mother is dead, the father is in jail for her murder and the children must sort out the pieces.

Sitting on a plastic chair with the other mourners grieving for his mother on October 10, 18-year-old Ambaye Sukul says his father never really found his place in Israel.

"In Israel he did not know how to get by. He would just do nothing, sitting at home all day," he says. "For him, Israel was a world where everything seemed upside down."

"In Ethiopia," where his father was a farmer that raised potatoes, tomatoes, corn and other vegetables, "it was all so different," Ambaye adds softly.

Disturbing as the Sukuls' story is, it is not unique in Israel's Ethiopian community. It is but the latest in a gruesome series of murders of Ethiopian women by their male partners.

The numbers of spousal murders among Ethiopian Israelis are grossly disproportionate to the size of their small community. In 2006, four out of the 10 women murdered in Israel by their domestic partners were Ethiopian immigrants. Four more have been killed this year.

Some Ethiopians say the magnitude of violence is an anomaly previously unknown in their community.

They blame the often devastating and disorienting transition to Israeli life, which is especially difficult for Ethiopian men accustomed to Ethiopia's patriarchal society. They say this challenge, coupled with a lack of social services to help ease their path and intervene when disputes turn violent, has led to the current crisis.

In Ethiopia, men were the undisputed heads of their families. In Israel, however, they often are slower than their wives and children to adapt and learn Hebrew, and in turn they have trouble finding work. Often they find themselves adrift in a modern society they find alien and in which their own families begin to see them as weak and unimportant.

"We never heard of women being murdered like this in Ethiopia," says Negist Mengesha, director general of the Ethiopian National Project.. "In Ethiopia there were traditional tools for dealing with conflicts."

Mengesha blames a severe lack of Ethiopian social workers fluent in Amharic who can navigate the community's cultural codes and traditions.

"All of this could have been prevented," she says. "It really is a scandal that it is not being dealt with."

Tzipi Nachshon Glick, the welfare ministry's national coordinator for the treatment of domestic violence, says the government understands the need for Amharic-speaking social workers, but there is an acute shortage of funding for social services across the board in Israel. At present the ministry has 15 Amharic-speaking social workers.

"We understand that the social workers have to have the cultural sensitivity to deal with the population, for example to understand that the man feels his status is threatened," Glick says. "If they don't get the culture, they will fail."

In many cases, Ethiopian families are resistant to the idea of outside help, Glick notes. One of the ministry's strategies is to have the Amharic-speaking social workers they do have draft community support in the battle against domestic violence, enlisting schools and community leaders in the process.

The challenge of access to social services is not isolated to domestic violence cases.

Welfare ministry data show that two-thirds of all Ethiopian immigrants need social-service assistance. Of the 17,000 families currently receiving aid from the ministry, more than half reported problems between the parents, Ha'aretz reported, citing ministry data.

Most Ethiopian women will not seek help outside the family because they fear repercussions in the community and at home, where public exposure could lead to more beatings, according to a research report published by the Ethiopian National Project.

Mengesha's organization, sponsored by the United Jewish Communities federation umbrella group, is training Ethiopian social workers in family counseling through a program at Bar-Ilan University.

The rate of domestic violence, and specifically the murder of women, has surged since the arrival of the Falash Mura, according to several community members.

The Falash Mura, Ethiopians of Jewish descent whose ancestors converted to Christianity generations ago, tend to have a more difficult landing in Isral than the earlier waves of Ethiopian immigrants. They often feel less connected to Israel, struggle with a rigorous conversion process and feel more marginalized in Israeli society, veteran Ethiopian Israelis said in interviews.

The Jewish Agency for Israel, which is responsible for helping the immigrants acclimate, has set up workshops at absorption centers where the recent Ethiopian immigrants, all from the Falash Mura community, are first housed that address how to handle conflict within families.

"These are well structured programs that address how to get along as couples," says Mira Keidar, who is responsible for social welfare services at the Jewish Agency.

In the transition to Israel, the lack of traditional leadership has emerged as a key problem. So the Jewish Agency has created a course for trainingtraditional-stylemediators—"shmagle" in Amharic—to help re-create the system of mediation familiar to families in Ethiopia.

The organization Fidel runs support groups for immigrant parents across the country. The discussion groups usually focus on communication and connection between parents and children. Recently, however, discussions have turned to the rash of domestic violence, and Fidel is trying to bring more men into the fold.

"It's been taboo," Michal Avera, Fidel's deputy director and an Ethiopian immigrant herself, says of the domestic violence topic. "But now people are asking why, why this is happening." ■

U.K. academic union drops proposal to boycott Israel

By Vanessa Bulkacz

LONDON (JTA)—The decision by Britain's largest academic union to drop its proposed boycott of Israel may not spell the end of the union's campaign to ostracize the Jewish state.

Britain's University and College Union announced last Friday that union leaders, after consulting with lawyers, had determined that an academic boycott of Israel probably would breach British anti-discrimination laws and the union's own guidelines.

Jewish groups, which had roundly condemned the boycott after it was first proposed at the union's annual congress in May, cheered the decision.

"The community should be emboldened by this victory and should see that we can successfully fight back and can have a real impact defending Israel's reputation," said Lorna Fitzsimons, chairwoman of the Stop the Boycott Campaign. "We will continue to win the intellectual argument, showing why any boycott of Israel is unbalanced, unfair and ignores the difficult complexities of the Middle East."

The boycott had been proposed to consider the "moral implications" of ties with Israeli institutions in light of the "denial of educational rights" to Palestinians.

After last week's determination, however, the union said it would continue to "explore the best ways to implement the non-boycott elements of the motion passed at Congress."

It was not immediately apparent what that meant.

"We remain concerned that the UCU still intends to explore ways to implement the motion, such as calling for a moratorium on E.U. research and cultural collaborations with Israel," said Ronnie Fraser, director of Academic Friends of Israel.

But union staff said the "non-boycott elements" of the resolution refer to "actively encourage and support branches to create direct links with Palestinian educational institutions and to help set up nationally sponsored programs for teacher exchanges, sabbatical placements and research."

The legal opinion that dealt the boycott its crippling blow said: "It would be beyond the union's powers and unlawful for the union, directly or indirectly, to call for or to implement a boycott by the union and its members of any kind of Israeli universities and other academic institutions, and that the use of union funds directly or indirectly to further such a boycott would also be unlawful."

It went on to say, "To ensure that the union acts lawfully, meetings should not be used to ascertain the level of support for such a boycott." As a result, the union canceled plans to hold debates throughout the country on the efficacy of the boycott.

Jon Benjamin, the chief executive of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said, "Sadly immeasurable damage has been done to the reputation of British academics who have unfairly been associated with a policy which most of them abhor and against which increasing numbers were speaking out."

"This is a victory against the boycotters on two fronts," said Jeremy Newmark, chief executive of the Jewish Leadership Council and co-chairman of the Stop the Boycott Campaign. "Firstly, the legal opinion endorses our contention that the proposed UCU boycott was a form of discrimination that had no place in a U.K. trade union. Secondly, last week's explicit admission by the main pro-boycott faction that they would have lost a ballot proved our assertion that a boycott is not supported by the vast majority of UCU members."

The turnaround by UCU is the latest victory for pro-Israel activists in their efforts to stem the tide of anti-Israeli movements among the far left in Britain.

Other union efforts to introduce Israeli boycotts over the last four years also have run aground. Boycott motions were defeated in the Association of Union Teachers in 2003, and though a motion was able to pass in 2005, it was overwhelmingly overturned at a special council of the union following an international outcry.

A boycott motion narrowly passed at the National Association of Teachers in Higher and Further Education conference in 2006, but the resolution expired with the merger of the union with the teachers' association.

This summer, the National Union of Journalists scrapped a motion to boycott Israeli goods in the wake of protests from within the union, the media industry and Jewish community leaders.

Even within the UCU, support for a boycott was hardly universal.

The original boycott motion passed by a vote of 158 to 99. Anti-boycott campaigners pointed out that a winning margin of only 59 votes for a constituency of 120,000 members was by no means representational.

At the time of the motion's passing, UCU General Secretary Sally Hunt agreed.

"I do not believe a boycott is supported by the majority of UCU members," Hunt said.

After the May vote, Britain's minister of state for education, Bill Rammell, denounced the proposal.

"The U.K. government fully supports academic freedom and is firmly against any academic boycotts of Israel or Israeli academics," Rammell said.

Jewish groups in Britain and around the world condemned the proposal. U.S. union leaders and many influential academics in Britain and abroad petitioned against the boycott.

After last Friday's decision, Hunt said she hoped the matter would be put to rest.

"I hope this decision will allow all to move forwards and focus on what is our primary objective: the representation of our members," Hunt said. "I believe if we do this we may also, where possible, play a positive role in supporting Palestinian and Israeli educators, and in promoting a just peace in the Middle East." ■

Birthday party presents? Of course! But for whom?

Dina Shtull, special to the WJN

"Mom, we have to go buy a present for Josh. It's his birthday!"

"Another birthday party! What should we buy Josh? What does he like?"

"I don't know, but we have to buy something. It's his birthday!"

All parents have all been through it, sometimes every weekend—the endless shopping for the right gift, the packaging, the card. What should we buy for a child who has everything? Parents have been at the receiving end as well, watching their children open gift after gift, and wondering where to put them all, and which, if any, would be played with or used for more than just a few weeks.

Families at Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor have begun to make a change. Parents, questioning whether their children can really appreciate 20 birthday gifts, one from each member of the class, in addition to the gifts from close family members, are asking: "It is really necessary, and how can the experience be any different?" One answer has been charitable birthday parties. While it may sound a bit heavy at first, parents have made it work, and the children have been excited.

Successful charitable birthday parties often center on a child's special interests. "Our first charitable birthday party," shared Laura Hirshbein, "was around the theme of dogs. Our daughter Abigail, a fourth grader at Hebrew Day School, had a combined birthday party with her classmate Miriam Hamermesh, and asked their friends to bring donations for the Humane Society in lieu of gifts." "I saw an article in the *New York Times* about charity birthday parties," said dad Peretz Hirshbein. "The big difference for those parties," he pointed out, "was that there was some prestige or competition around how much any individual party could raise." This was not what the HDS families were looking for. They made the necessary effort to teach their children that it is just as wonderful to give as it is to receive, a process that was not always easy.

"Abigail was very excited to visit the Humane Society to deliver the donations," shared Laura Hirshbein. "But, it was hard to then go to other parties where other kids got presents. When she wasn't in the heat of feeling deprived, Abigail was very pleased to have some significance in her parties." Laura asked Abigail and Miriam about the best part of having a charitable birthday party. "Knowing that other people who don't usually get presents will get them. Usually we get presents three times a year. It's nice that other people also get presents," they said. "What was the worst part?" asked Laura. "Not getting all the junk that people get you," said Miriam. "Most of the time it really is junk, though," added Abigail.

Laura explained that the lessons taught at Hebrew Day School had everything to do with their decision to have Tzedakah parties. "The children are learning about values, and we want to reinforce those teachings at home." At Hebrew Day School, children are also encouraged to give Tzedakah every Friday as part of their Kabbalat (welcoming) Shabbat celebration. Toward the end of the year, the classes decide where to allocate their money.

The animal theme was also used by six-year-olds Avi Lessure and Corine Burgard. Avi asked for contributions to the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF), and Corine collected funds for the Humane Society to "Save the Dogs." "We had crafts and games around animal themes and distributed an activity book about the cheetah that was created for children by the CCF," explained Avi's mother, Carol Lessure. Shortly after the birthday party, Avi heard about endangered wolves, and said, "Next year, I want to raise money for wolves." Corine told her older sister that it was "so cool" to help animals. The Hebrew Day School students will visit the Toledo Zoo this year and will see some of the zoo's cheetah conservation efforts. The children will also study about the endangered wolf in a special science unit on the topic.

Mira Strauss (left) and her friend Olivia Goldstein color in a cheetah.

"The children learn about *Tzedakah* (justice and charity) and *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) in school," shared Carol. "It certainly created fertile ground for the birthday party idea." But Carol also credits her family. "Jon, Avi's father, encouraged it," she said. "Avi has very generous grandparents, aunts and uncles and extended family and friends. We save gift giving for family parties." Carol also points out that instead of spending time shopping for gifts, the children made creative home-made birthday cards, and in this case many had pictures of cheetahs. "Avi enjoyed the cards very much."

Lily Rosenberg and Mara Metler, first graders at Hebrew Day School, also had a charitable birthday party at the suggestion of their parents, Lisa and Paul Metler and Marci and Andrew Rosenberg. "They easily agreed and chose Make-A-Wish Foundation. They both felt really good about it; neither complained about not having gifts from their friends," shared Marci about the experience. "I would love for this to become the trend in birthday parties," she added, "de-emphasizing the material component to celebrating." After the birthday party, Lisa Metler read in the Ann Arbor News about a girl from Canton, Michigan who was granted a wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of a rainbow play structure.

Mara's concrete thinking, explained her mom Lisa, led her to believe that she helped pay for the swing set, and that she made this really really sick child (and her siblings) very happy. "It was really remarkable to see her get so excited. It touched me in so many ways." The children plan on having another charitable party next year.

The positive impact on children is not always immediate, and often meaningful conversations need to take place with the children before they can appreciate the beauty of giving to others more in need than themselves. "My son, Sam, was invited to the Lily and Mara's party," said HDS mom, Laurie Greenberg. "He had a hard time understanding the concept of not getting presents. I still don't think he completely gets it, but I do think it was a good opportunity to start the discussion of charity." Laurie plans on continuing the discussion with her children. "I am planning on having the kids pick out presents to donate this year for Chanukah. It is something we will have to continue to teach," she added.

Planning successful charitable birthday parties requires knowing your child and how much s/he can be expected to give. The event still needs to be special for the birthday child, which in most cases means that gifts are forthcoming from parents and other close family and friends. Martin Strauss and Anna Gilbert, parents of Mira, a first grader at Hebrew Day School and four-year-old Nathan who is enrolled at JCC's preschool, tried to strike this balance. "For Nathan's party," explained Martin, "we encouraged donations back to the Early Childhood Center Giraffe Room where Nathan would also be a beneficiary. We told him that, in this way, both he and the Giraffe Room would get what they really needed. He agreed." Nathan's parents also made sure to buy him his own special present.

Heidi and Alon Kahana also found ways to help their son, Ethan, a first grader at Hebrew Day School, feel the excitement of giving. In lieu of a gift, Ethan and his friend asked his guests to donate a book to the local children's hospital. The guests wrapped the books, so the birthday boys experienced the thrill of unwrapping the presents, all the while knowing that they would be donated to children in a hospital. The following week the boys were taken to the hospital playroom where they could see the books on display. "When Ethan received a thank you letter from the hospital, he felt very gratified that he and his friend were able to help the kids in the hospital," said his mom Heidi.

A combined party of three 7-year-old Hebrew Day School students—Gabe Rosenberg, Elijah Shore, and Zach Rochman, will offer parents an option. Those who want an alternative to the traditional gift giving, can put money in a jar set out for each birthday boy. Contributions made to each jar will be split 50-50 between a charity of that child's choice and a trip to the toy store to pick out a gift. Modest donations ranging from $5–$10 were suggested. "None of the boys were committed to completely giving up on gifts, but all wanted to participate in the act of tzedakah," said Jennifer Rosenberg, mother of Gabe.

Charitable giving can be a very powerful lesson for children, when they are taught from a very young age that they can make a difference in this world. But like the words "please" and "thank you," the desire to give to others needs to be taught. In the process, the children are taught another lesson, that is, to appreciate all the good they already have—their family and friends, and their toys already in the closet. ■

New Kids' Night Out Program at the JCC

The Jewish Community Center will hold a Kids' Night Out program on Saturday, November 17, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The program is open to all children in kindergarten through fifth grades. This month's theme is "Surf's Up!" Make a surfboard for movie friends Cody Maverick, Chicken Joe and Lani to ride on and enjoy a drink of some very berry tropical fruit punch. The evening will also include a pizza and veggie dinner, arts and crafts and the movie, Surf's Up!. The cost of the event is $20 for JCC members and additional siblings are $18. The non-member rate is $24 and $22 for additional siblings. For more information or to register, contact the JCC at 971-0990.

School's Out/JCC's In Days Planned for Hebrew Day School and Ann Arbor Public School Students

The Jewish Community Center will hold a School's Out program on Friday, November 9 for Hebrew Day School students. A trip to COSI Science Center will highlight the day. COSI has hundreds of hands-on exhibits that excite, educate and astonish young and inquiring minds.

On Wednesday, November 21 a trip to the Henry Ford Museum is planned for both Hebrew Day School and Ann Arbor Public School students. The Henry Ford Museum brings to life the rich and exciting history of our country and gives visitors a more meaningful connection to the past. A movie on the giant IMAX theater screen will also be part of the day.

The programs are open to JCC members in kindergarten though fifth grades. The cost is $31 and will take place from 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Extended care is available from 3:30 – 6 p.m. for an additional $9. For more information or for a registration form, contact the JCC at 971-0990.

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Camp Young Judaea Midwest, located in Waupaca, Wisconsin, is a closely-knit Jewish summer camp that has been steadily growing in popularity with families from Michigan, particularly Ann Arbor, who want to provide their children with a Jewish camping experience that will last a lifetime. Since 1970, Camp Young Judaea Midwest has been the summer "home" of hundreds of children from Ann Arbor and surrounding communities.

Young Judaeans

During the summer, campers will learn through informal/experience educational activities on topics that are specifically geared to each age group. And, although educational elements are infused into the entire camp curriculum, sports, swimming, art, drama, *shira* (singing), and rikud (dance) are just as important.

The concept of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) is one of the more important facets of the organization. At camp, a whole day is dedicated to the development of a social action mindset that encourages the campers to take back to their own communities. All students are challenged to put into action Young Judaea's motto, "You and I Shall Change the World," by learning about important social issues and by training to lead and educate others to be social activists as well.

However, an incredible summer camp is just the tip of the iceberg of what Young Judaea offers in year round activities. On a regional level, Young Judaea offers community programs and weekend conventions to its Ofarim (second–seventh graders) and Bogrim (eighth–twelfth graders) that give experienced campers the chance to reconnect with their friends from around the Midwest and rekindle their love for camp while also providing new campers with the ability to "try out" camp and see for themselves how exciting it can be to learn, grow, and develop in such a dynamic atmosphere.

Twice a year, campers from both age groups and are invited to weekend conventions full of ruach (spirit), Judaism, Zionism, friends, and fun. In addition, Young Judaea sponsors numerous of community-wide activities in cities across the country. These events are fun for the whole family and also provide our older students (*Bogrim*) with the opportunity to practice their leadership skills year-round by working with Young Judaea staff and community leaders to plan these exciting educational and social activities. The Young Judaea leadership is currently in the process of planning the next community-wide event in Ann Arbor. ■

Camp Young Judaea campers

Anyone interested in the year-round activities or who would like to have a representative from CYJ-Midwest come speak about camp, contact Zachary Alpert at (847) 492-9602.

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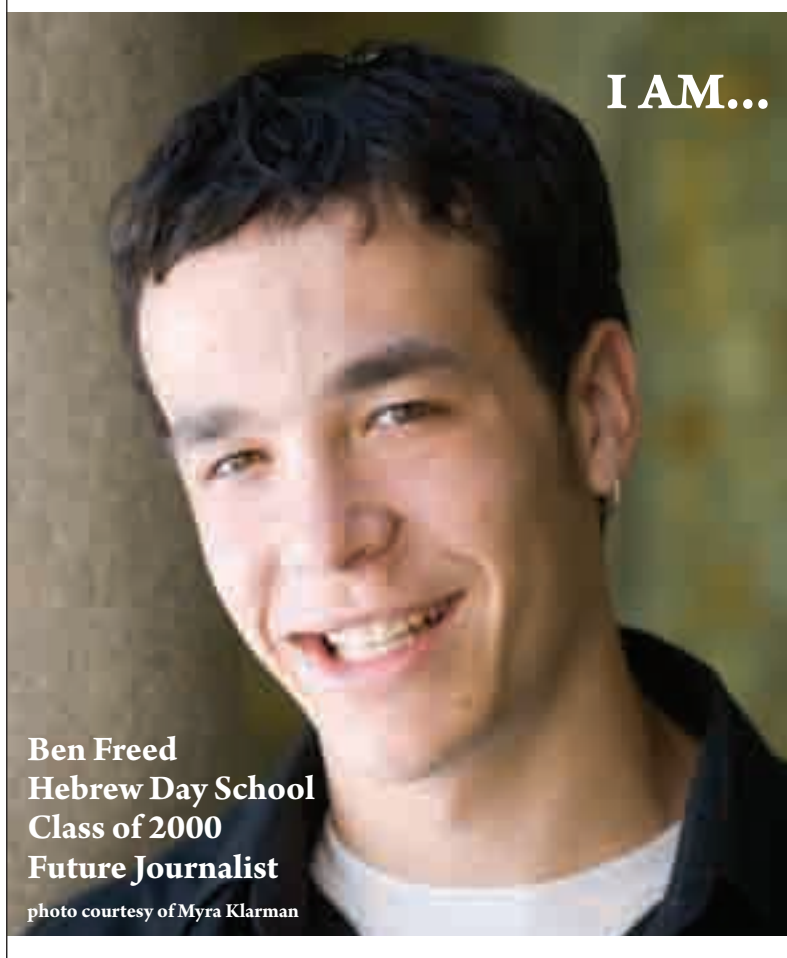

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Social action theme for Ken Pardes November Shabbat dinner

Sophia Blumenthal and Matan Naamani, special to the WJN

Ken Pardes, the local branch of Habonim Dror youth movement, is up and running for the 2007–2008 school year. Ken Pardes, also associated with Camp Tavor, held a large Shabbat dinner on October 12 with the theme of "Cultural Judaism."

Yael Warshai (left) confers with Shani Samuel and Ben Pinsky during a game at a recent Ken Pardes activity.

This year, every month's Ken Pardes activities have a different theme, and the theme for November is social action. The Shabbat dinner on Friday, November 9 will be a relaxed night at which there will be a focus on two upcoming *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) projects that will occur later in November. The November events will provide participants with a fun time and a chance to take part in social action and charity projects around town.

Sophia Blumenthal, a senior at Community High School and one of the Ken Pardes leaders, comments, "We would like to welcome as many new kids to the November 9 Shabbat dinner as possible. So we encourage everyone to bring a friend, bring new kids—come meet new friends, because everyone's going to have fun!"

For those looking further ahead, the theme for December will be diversity, with an activity scheduled for Sunday, December 9. For more information on Ken Pardes, contact Sophia Blumenthal at 769-1153 or thephibird@yahoo.com or Matan Naamani at 904-6578 or immatan@att.net. ■

Youth Enrichment Classes begin November 19

A new series of JCC enrichment classes will begin the week of November 19. The classes are open to all children in kindergarten through fifth grades. Classes include Abrakadoodle Art, Swim with Kim, Martial Arts, Sports, Sports, Sports, Picture Perfect Photography and JCC Red Cross Babysitting.

Abrakadoodle Art is an innovative multimedia art education program that uses a style of art instruction called 'Process Art'. The instructor focuses on what children are learning through the "process" or creating art. This style of instruction fosters creativity through experimentation in new art techniques. The class is for children kindergarten through fifth grades and runs on Mondays from November 19 through December 17 from 4:15–5:15 p.m.

Swim with Kim offers swimming lessons at High Point School with Hebrew Day School's gym instructor, Kim Braun. Kim has been teaching swimming skills to children for over 20 years and knows the right techniques to assure that even the smallest fish in the pond makes a big splash. The class is open to both swimmers and non-swimmers of all levels. Transportation is provided to and from High Point School by JCC bus. Swim with Kim is for children kindergarten through fifth grades and will take place on Tuesdays, November 20 through December 18 from 4–6:30 p.m.

Martial Arts is a fun, energetic enrichment class that teaches boys and girls how to take care of their body and achieve a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Students in this class will learn respect for themselves and others in a classroom teaching environment, which is fun, and engaging. Class lessons include warm-up exercises and stretching, breathing exercises, basic hand and foot technique and principles of self defense. The instructor is Rabbi Peter Gluck. This class is open to children in second through seventh grades and will run on Thursdays, November 22 through January 10 from 4:15–5:15 p.m.

If you like sports, then **Sports, Sports, Sports**! is the class for you. Instructor Kim Braun will offer at least one different sport for every class. Volleyball, kickball, floor hockey and more will keep you busy and in shape this winter. This class is open to children kindergarten through third grades and will run on Mondays, November 19 through December 17, from 4:15–5:15 p.m.

Learn how to take the perfect picture in **Picture Perfect Photography**. This class will teach how to focus, balance contrast, take a panoramic shot and even learn how the parts of a camera work. Participants will be able to frame their photos and also have a show to showcase their work. Nate Bankirer will be the instructor. This class is open to children third through fifth grades and will run on Wednesdays, November 21 through December 19 from 4:15–5:15 p.m.

JCC Red Cross Babysitting teaches child safety, first aid, baby care and develop.m.entally appropriate play. Upon completion, students will receive a card and become Red Cross certified. This class is open to ages 10 through 17 and will run November 27 and November 29 from 4–7 p.m. A pizza dinner will be served on both days. ■

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Ahava-Brotherhood appeals to lovers of music and history

Sandor Slomovits, special to the WJN

I have written here a number of times before about the Milken Archive of American Jewish Music. The 50 recordings released by the Archive in the past few years form the core of a still growing and expanding treasure trove not only of music, but also of oral histories, DVDs and many other materials related to American Jewish music. I keep returning to the Archive, to hear music I've listened to before, and also to discover new and unfamiliar works. Each time I do, I grow more impressed by the high quality of every aspect of the Archive and by the broad vision behind a project of this scope.

The Milken Archive, founded by Lowell Milken in 1990, is a natural extension of the Milken Family Foundation, which Mr. Milken founded jointly with his brother, Michael Milken, in 1982. The Foundation's stated mission is "...to discover and advance inventive, effective ways of helping people help themselves and those around them lead productive and satisfying lives. The Foundation advances this mission primarily through its work in education and medical research."

When people begin with such a lofty goal, assemble a stellar supporting cast and then fund the project adequately, astonishing results are almost guaranteed.

The Milken Archive consists of a great variety of American Jewish music, defined not only as music by Jewish composers, but also by "non-Jewish composers inspired by Jewish texts or themes". Included are well known composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Kurt Weill, Darius Milhaud and Dave Brubeck, as well as less familiar but highly respected composers such as David Amram, Samuel Adler and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. Besides classical music, chamber works, symphonies and operas, the Archive contains traditional and contemporary sacred liturgical music, folk, popular and Yiddish theater music and many other styles that fall under the rubric of American Jewish music. All the music has been especially recorded for the Archive releases and many of the less well-known works received their premiere recorded performances here.

David Diamond's Ahava-Brotherhood belongs in that category of less well-known compositions. Diamond though, is certainly no obscure composer, having garnered many honors, among them the Gold Medal of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and a National Medal of Arts, in his long and productive career. Diamond, who died at the age of 90 in 2005, was already considered a prominent American composer in the 1940s when his String Quartet No. 3 won a New York Music Critics' Circle Award and a recording of his next quartet was nominated for a Grammy.

Ahava, however, a symphonic piece with narration, is not well known and, as far as I have been able to determine, has never before been recorded. It was commissioned by the American Tercentenary Committee for the 1954 celebrations of the 300-year anniversary of the birth of American Jewry, commemorating the date in September 1654 when 23 Jewish refugees from Brazil landed in New Amsterdam (later to become New York when the British took over from the Dutch).

The Tercentenary celebrations, over a period of 300 days, with many events nationwide, were very prominent. The opening ceremony, a re-consecration service at New York's Shearith Israel, America's first Jewish Congregation, was broadcast on ABC TV. The highlight of the celebrations was a dinner where President Dwight D. Eisenhower spoke. In retrospect, quite remarkable, considering the strong undercurrent of anti-Semitism that still ran in this country in the 1940s and 1950s. (My brother's father-in-law recalled how when he returned after serving as a Marine in WWII he was refused membership in the New York City Athletic Club. And, only seven years before the Tercentenary Celebrations, Hollywood released two controversial movies, *Crossfire* and the more famous, *Gentleman's Agreement*, starring Gregory Peck, about anti-Semitism in America. Both were nominated for numerous Oscars and *Gentleman's Agreement* won for best picture.)

But none of this is audible in the narration of *Ahava*. For the lyrics of *Ahava-Brotherhood* Diamond drew on quotes from sources as diverse as Hillel, Jeremiah, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, and also added his own words. While parts of the narrative now sound dated, the language sometimes stilted, the historical realities somewhat limited, much of it remains current, indeed immortal.

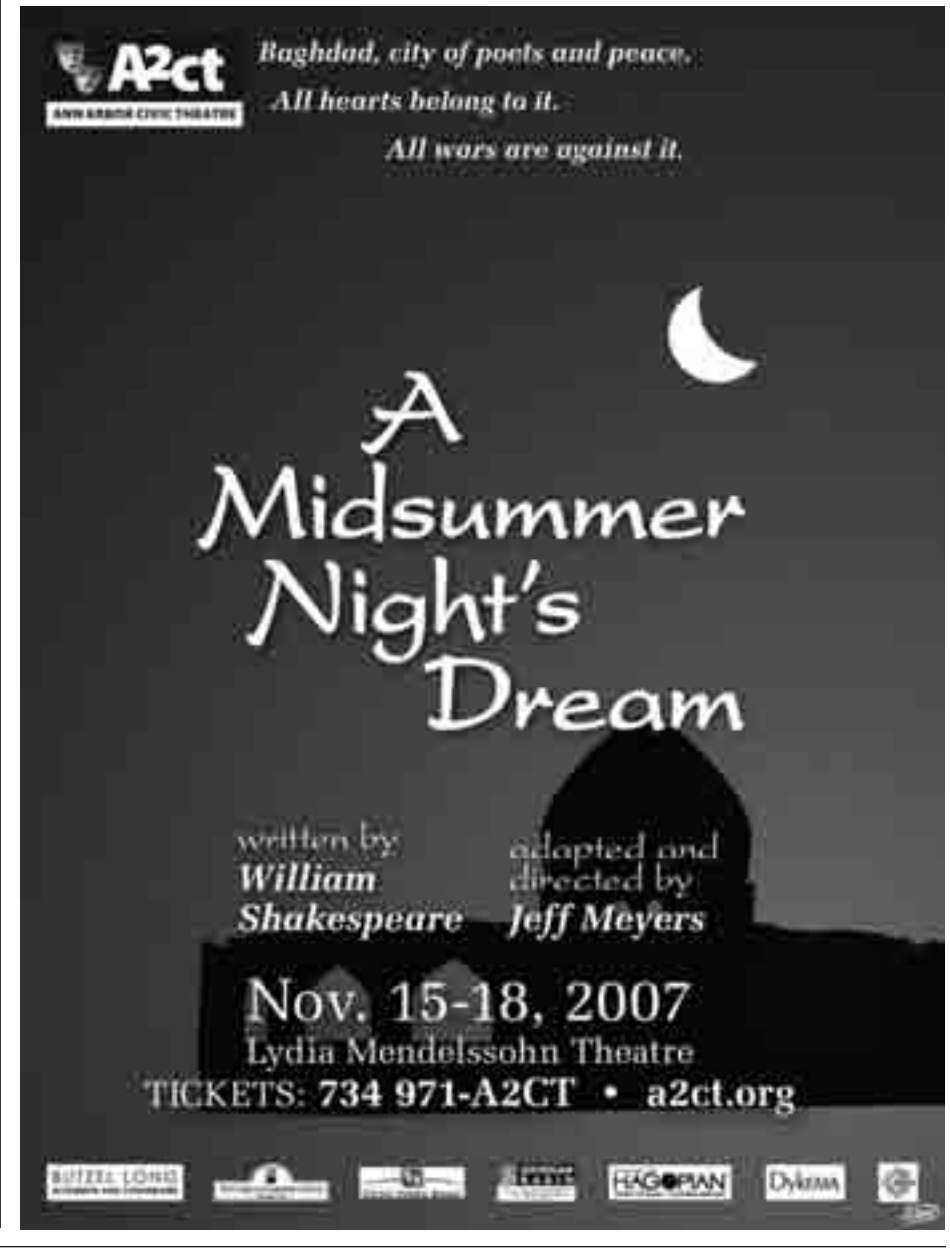
Here is Benjamin Franklin: "Do you sincerely declare that you love mankind in general of what profession or religion so ever? Do you think any person ought to be harmed in his body, home, or goods, for mere speculative opinions, or his external way of worship?" Diamond also quotes from the well-known letter that American Jews wrote to George Washington and also uses excerpts from his famous reply.

While some of the words sound stale, though certainly not the above, Diamond's music is still fresh and not at all out-of-date. Diamond, like his more famous contemporary, Aaron Copland, studied composition with the famed Nadia Boulanger in Paris and was heavily influenced by European styles and structures, while still infusing them with American and contemporary innovations.

The Milken Archive performance of *Ahava* is, like every other recording in the series, first-rate. The Seattle Symphony, which has been under the direction of Gerard Schwarz since 1983, was a natural and perfect choice to record *Ahava*. Schwarz and the Symphony have long championed 20th century American composers, and have previously recorded a number of Diamond's other works.

Theodore Bikel does the narration. The old saw about "someone who can make the reading of a telephone book sound interesting" could have been written to describe his instantly recognizable, rich baritone. His delivery makes even stiff lines come alive.

Finally, for history buffs like myself, the liner notes by Milken Archive's Artistic Director, Neil Levin, make for fascinating and engrossing reading. Besides Ahava, this CD, entitled *David Diamond: AHAVA-Brotherhood*, also includes "Music for Prayer" by Diamond and several other modern American masters, Morton Gould, Roy Harris and Douglas Moore. ■



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Overshadowed by China, a few Jews hold on in Taiwan

By Larry Luxner

TAIPEI, Taiwan (JTA)—As Typhoon Sepat bore down on Taiwan with flashing thunderstorms, eight rain-soaked men gathered in a little storefront shul in downtown Taipei to welcome the Sabbath.

Despite the wind howling outside, and the fact that he didn't quite have a minyan, 89-year-old Rabbi Ephraim Einhorn held services on this August Friday just as he has nearly every Friday and Saturday since 1975.

When the hourlong Shabbat eve service was over, Einhorn recited kiddush, invited his fellow worshipers to enjoy freshly baked challah dipped in honey and asked who they were and from where they came.

It's a ritual Don Shapiro has witnessed more times than he can remember.

"Usually he wants your name, where you were born and what your occupation is," says Shapiro, a native of Rochester, N.Y., who has lived and worked in Taiwan for 38 years. "Everybody has to give a small bio, and if you forget something, he'll remind you."

Such intimacy is possible only because there are so few Jews remaining in Taiwan, officially known here as the Republic of China.

In recent years, as Jews increasingly flock to Communist China to take advantage of booming business opportunities there—Chabad-Lubavitch alone now runs seven synagogues in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen—the Jewish presence in democratic, staunchly pro-Western Taiwan is disappearing.

Today, no more than 150 Jews live among the 23 million inhabitants of Taiwan. That compares to between 5,000 and 10,000 Jews in mainland China, not including another 5,000 in Hong Kong, the former British colony that reverted to Chinese control in 1997.

Most of the Jews in Taiwan and China are foreigners—mainly U.S., Israeli, British and French citizens working as factory managers, financial advisers, English teachers and tour guides.

"When I first came here, we had 80 to 100 people coming every Shabbat," says Einhorn, who was born in Vienna and once headed the information department at the World Jewish Congress. "Most of them were of Syrian descent, so we used the Farhi [Sephardi] siddurim. Now we use Ashkenazi prayer books. I never know how many people will show up from one week to the next."

Before Einhorn, the only Jewish services in Taiwan were at the U.S. military chapel. Then the U.S. military left, and until a few years ago services were held at the five-star Hotel Landis.

These days, Einhorn uses a tiny street-level office in the hotel's annex as a synagogue. Smaller than an average American living room, it's crammed with a holy ark, bookshelves, a dozen black chairs and a dining-room table piled high with *siddurim* (prayer books) and newspaper clippings.

On Rosh Hashanah and Passover eve, services and communal dinners are held at the American Club, not far from Taipei's famed Grand Hotel. About 50 to 60 people usually show up.

The rest of the time, Einhorn is strictly a one-man show and the undisputed authority on Jews in Taiwan.

"I am the rabbi, the shamash and the treasurer. And I pay all the bills," Einhorn says. "Somebody's got to do it."

The businessman-turned-rabbi routinely passes out eight different business cards: He's the chairman of Pickwick Co. Ltd., director of Republicans Abroad Taiwan, senior vice president of the World Trade Center Warsaw, representative of the Polish Chamber of Commerce, and honorary citizen of Nebraska and Montana. Einhorn also calls himself "the father of relations between Taiwan and six governments: Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Hungary and the Bahamas."

Einhorn, who says he has worked in every Arab country, first came to Taiwan as head of a Kuwaiti business delegation in 1975.

"Einhorn is the glue that holds the Jewish community together," says William Ting, 38, a Taiwan-born corporate lawyer who grew up in Pasadena, Calif., and converted to Judaism a year ago under Einhorn's supervision. "I met him at the European Chamber of Commerce four years ago, but I never discovered the rabbi side of him until a year later."

Aside from Einhorn's Shabbat services, Jewish ife in Taiwan is virtually nonexistent. However, the island has a Holocaust museum at a church in Tainan, about 90 minutes south of Taipei via train, and there's a Jewish exhibit that Einhorn organized at the Buddhist-run Museum of World Religions in suburban Taipei.

The only kosher food in this land of pork dumplings and fried oxtails is at Jason's Supermarket in the trendy food court of Taipei 101, the world's tallest building, and at the Landis Hotel, whose chefs are familiar with the laws of kashrut.

Despite the dwindling numbers, Ting says he sees a bright future for Jewish life in Taiwan if the current government drops its insistence on independence and seeks closer economic cooperation with China.

That's unlikely to happen anytime soon. In September, President Chen Shui-Ban petitioned the United Nations for membership; the bid failed.

Taiwan has been trying to reclaim its U.N. seat since 1971, when its membership was replaced by that of the People's Republic of China. China's strong business partnerships around the world bode ill for Taiwan's efforts for official recognition as a state.

Like Taiwan's other business partners, Israel adheres to the one-China policy. The Jewish state established diplomatic ties with Beijing in 1994, the same year it opened an Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei. Bilateral trade between Israel and Taiwan reached $1.3 billion in 2006, compared with $1.8 billion between Israel and China, according to the office's director, Raphael Gamzou.

"Taiwan is one of our main trading partners in Asia," Gamzou told JTA. "The Taiwanese have a great deal of sympathy and admiration for Israel. They admire Israeli courage and resilience, and the innovative capabilities of Israeli high-tech companies."

The few local Jews here hope that increasing trade with Israel, combined with successful negotiations to open direct air service between Taiwan and mainland China, could save Taiwan's Jewish community from outright extinction.

"Direct air links would do wonders for the Jewish community," Ting says. "You could fly from Taipei's downtown city airport to Shanghai in 40 minutes. This will attract a lot of skilled Jewish professionals who are sick and tired of the pollution and smog in other big Asian cities." ■

Historians find Jewish life preserved in Soviet Union's 'last Jewish city'

By Michael J. Jordan

MOGILEV-PODOLSKY, Ukraine (JTA) – On a sweltering summer day, the researchers fan out in this city's historical center, its walls lined with photos of local Jews who went through the Holocaust.

The visiting scholars from St. Petersburg aren't here to dwell on Jewish demise, however. They have come to document Jewish life in what expedition leader Valery Dymshits calls "the last Jewish city in the Soviet Union," Mogilev-Podolsky.

As recently as the early 1990's — before an exodus to the United States, Israel and Germany depleted the community — Yiddish was widely spoken on the streets here. Despite the community's rapid contraction, the Jewish presence here perseveres. With this rare continuity, Dymshits and his team of scholars have staked a claim as the first and only team in 70 years to conduct field research into the region's Jewish folklore, recording scores of interviews along the way.

In one corner of the historical center, a St. Petersburg researcher asks an older woman about Jewish song; she responds by softly singing a melody.

When a rail-thin, 85-year-old Jewish man enters to beg for pocket change and cigarettes, scholar Anna Kushkova offers him a cigarette, and the two step outside. The man starts talking about how he thinks he's Lenin, Kushkova said, "but then he described his Yiddish school before the war, and how he was graded. Those were valuable details."

It's these nuggets, say Kushkova and others from the Petersburg Judaica Center of St. Petersburg's European University, that make Mogilev-Podolsky the treasure trove it is for those trying to assemble pieces of a Jewish puzzle.

While the Jews in this otherwise provincial backwater on Ukraine's southwest border with Moldova may not be as exotic as others in the former Soviet Union — such as, say, the Mountain Jews of Azerbaijan, or the Bukharian Jews along the old Silk Road in Uzbekistan — the community of Mogilev-Podolsky has a unique story to tell.

While Nazi mobile-killing units known as SS Einsatzgruppen and their local collaborators were decimating Jewish life across the Pale of Settlement, one exception was the historic region of Podolia, including Mogilev-Podolsky.

Podolia was under Romanian control. Though plenty cruel and bloody, especially for the hundreds of thousands of Romanian Jews deported into the region, the Romanians were less methodical in destroying Podolian Jewry itself. That enabled both Jewish communal infrastructure and spirit to survive.

"It's natural that if you discover an island in the ocean, you try to investigate it," says Dymshits, director of the Petersburg Judaica Center.

In leaving no stone unturned, the scholars acknowledge they're following in the footsteps of another Jewish explorer: S. Ansky, the father of Jewish ethnography. Best known for writing *The Dybbuk*, Ansky — born Shloyme Zanvl Rappoport — became a passionate voice for Jewish folklore and nostalgia for traditional Jewish life.

In 1908, Ansky co-founded the Historical-Ethnographic Society of St. Petersburg in part to help reconnect the acculturated Jews of his adopted city, Petersburg — who mostly traced their roots to the shtetls of present-day Belarus — with their folkloric past, according to David Roskies of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

From 1911 to 1914, Ansky led expeditions through Ukraine's shtetls, capturing hundreds of wax cylinder recordings — the earliest form of phonograph record — of Jewish folk songs and folklore, plus manuscripts, books, photographs and Judaica.

Though in the early years under Soviet rule Yiddish culture flourished, an increasingly repressive regime turned against any movements that deviated from strict Communist Party ideology. Ethnic identification became taboo and Jewish folkloric studies ceased.

It's this palpable sense of community, locals say, that encourages many in the Mogilev diaspora to return almost yearly for visits to their hometown, whether the émigrés now live in metropolitan Tel Aviv, New York or Hanover, Germany.

But in Podolia, the Jews were able to maintain their traditions, especially in Mogilev-Podolsky.

Thus, during the Soviet thaw of the late 1980s, Dymshits and some colleagues hit upon a field of virgin terrain, with some pockets of Jewish life preserved as if in amber. Seizing Ansky's ethnographic mantle, they plunged into Podolia in 1989.

These scholars, though, were not quite detached observers. As Jews, they had roots of their own in both the Pale of Settlement and St. Petersburg. In countless expeditions, they measured and documented the size and appearance of every synagogue, cemetery and Jewish home — any material fragment of Jewish culture that remained.

Later they expanded their activities from Ukraine to Moldova, Belarus, the Baltic States, Central Asia, Caucasus and Romania.

For these so-called "Kulturniks," as Roskies wrote in *The Forward* in February 2006, it was a "circuitous route home, back to the sources of their own culture." Their work also has helped revive the appeal of secular Jewish culture in St. Petersburg itself.

Alla Sokolova, an expert on shtetl architecture and senior researcher at the Judaica Center, says, "It would be wrong to say these are heavily urbanized Jews who lost their culture and roots over the course of many years and are now desperately trying to reclaim both by making repeated visits into the field."

"It is an attempt to restore in our minds a world that we thought no longer existed, but isn't lost any more," Sokolova says.

The researchers found that the Yiddish-speaking world of largely Jewish towns and shtetls had not vanished; Jewish memory and knowledge had endured.

The center has expanded and deepened its research in recent years. In the summer of 2005, scholars from the center explored the Podolian city of Tulchin. Last summer, they went to Balta. This year they arrived at the motherlode of Jewish ethnography in the region: Mogilev-Podolsky.

Even in the 1970s and 80s, the population of Mogilev, as it's called here — not to be confused with the eponymous city in Belarus —was roughly one-quarter Jewish, with Jews heavily concentrated in the city center.

It was the largest ratio of any city in the former Soviet Union, Dymshits says.

"In Mogilev," he says, "any Ukrainian will tell you about the Jewish classmates, the Jewish neighbors, the Yiddish on the streets, being invited to their weddings. This means Mogilev was a Jewish town. Not just for the Jews, but for the whole town. It was impossible to imagine Mogilev without Jews even 20 years ago."

Yet from a peak prewar population of some 34,000, the Mogilev Jewish population shrunk to 9,000 two decades ago and to just 350 people today.

Nevertheless, Dymshits says "the taste of Jewish life is strong until now."

On this summer's two-week visit to Mogilev, he led a team of two-dozen researchers, mostly from Petersburg, with a few from Moscow and North America.

One of the researchers, Nikolai Glagolev, 26, said he was drawn both to the taboo history of Jewish folkloric studies and its present-day romanticized image. "I have always dreamt of visiting the Pale of Settlement, to see with my own eyes what it looks like today," he said.

Researchers visited places as varied as a Jewish-owned bakery and the local library, where they asked about Jewish reading habits. In some cases, they were invited into private homes.

Kushkova said she found one couple, both around 70, who traced their family yichus, or lineage, to affluent local merchants in the early 1800s. The couple had a megillah on parchment, silver Kiddush goblets and a demeanor that bespoke their noble ancestry. "They knew they were of high origin," Kushkova said.

The researchers also shared in some of the community's own Jewish practices, with a handful joining community members for a Kabbalat Shabbat service in the city's lone remaining synagogue.

The gabbai led the group in prayers spoken mostly in Russian; few can speak or understand Hebrew here. The service wasn't just for show; men convene in the shul every night for prayers.

It's this palpable sense of community, locals say, that encourages many in the Mogilev diaspora to return almost yearly for visits to their hometown, whether the émigrés now live in metropolitan Tel Aviv, New York or Hanover, Germany.

It's also this spirit that has the Judaica Center scholars returning next summer for another two weeks of research — finances permitting.

"It's like reading a huge book without a beginning and an end, and you're somewhere in the middle, trying to figure it out," Dymshits says. ■

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Eating for memory and faith: new books focus on delicious Jewish food and mindful eating

By Elana Kahn-Oren

At Oma's Table

Restauranteur Doris Schechter's grandmother lived by a few simple rules: She observed kashrut; shopped for food almost every day; used flavorless vegetable oil for cooking; drank only tea; allowed no junk food; and wore sensible shoes.

And apparently she made delicious food that held three generations of her family together after surviving World War II and moving to the United States.

Living with her two daughters and their families in their first American home in the Bronx and later in Queens, Goldstein acted as head of the household — taking care of her grandchildren and preparing dinner, which was served consistently at 6 p.m.

"In a world that was new to all of us, mealtime was predictable, the company dependable," recalls Schechter in her new book, *At Oma's Table: More than 100 Recipes and Remembrances from a Jewish Family's Kitchen* (Perigee, $23.95).

Now owner of "My Most Favorite Food," a dairy restaurant and café in midtown Manhattan, Schechter gathered her memories and her family's recipes into a book that is as much a family memoir as it is a collection of recipes.

And it feels that warm and personal. Indeed, Schechter recorded her grandmother's previously unwritten recipes and wrote the book with her children and grandchildren in mind.

The collection includes classic Jewish Ashkenazi foods, like chopped liver, gefilte fish, flanken with vegetables, tzimmes, kasha and more. And it is firmly rooted in Europe, with recipes like fleischlabel (chopped meat patties), weiner schnitzel, krautfleckerl (cabbage, caramelized onions and bow-tie pasta) and a range of potatoes and cabbage dishes.

The book also offers new flavors, such as fresh fish recipes and an assortment of light and healthy salads.

Schechter reminds readers that food is so much more delicious when it tells the stories of our families and connects the generations, whether they wear high heels or sensible shoes.

A Taste of Challah

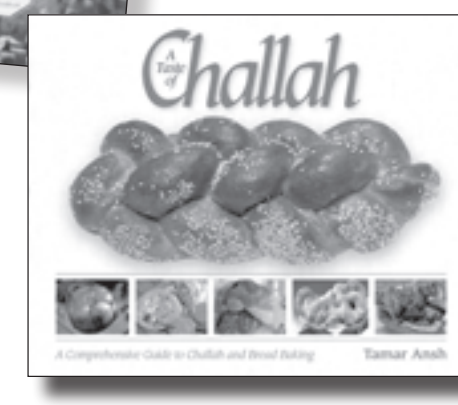
For many, challah has particular power to connect families and evoke nostalgia. "The very word conjures up images of a warm kitchen, redolent with the aromas of long ago," writes Tamar Ansh in her new book, *A Taste of Challah: A Comprehensive Guide to Challah and Bread Baking* (Feldheim Publishers, $34.99).

Challah not only provides simple nourishment but also has the profound power to connect Jews to their families, their heritage and, for some, their faith.

For Ansh, baking challah is certainly about faith, particularly about the commandment to "separate challah," one of three mitzvot exclusively for women, she explains in the book. For it, a piece of dough is separated and sanctified.

She devotes several pages at the book's front plus a 13-page guide in its rear to prayers and guidelines for the commandment.

But this book reaches across denominations and religiosity to lead readers on an enticing journey of the senses that begins with mixing and kneading and ends with the sweet aroma and unparalleled taste of freshly baked bread.



A Taste of Challah lists an extraordinary variety of challah recipes — all tested and tasted, Ansh says — from the Basic Three-Braided Challah to the Six-Braided, Woven Round and Pull-Apart Challah.

There are challot shaped like flowers, napkin rings, clover leafs and even a Purim challah shaped like a hamantaschen. And there is an assortment of "Health Challahs and Breads," such as two recipes for whole wheat challah, Water Challah, Spelt Challah and several other breads.

Ansh, who lives in Israel, also offers recipes under the headings: "Specialty Breads" (such as za'atar challah, bagels and soft pretzels); "Middle Eastern Breads and Accompaniments" (such as the Yemenite saluf, chilbah, kubana and pita); and "Fun & Different Ideas" (such as cinnamon rolls, onion croissants, bobka and calzones).

Most remarkable might be the "Bread Basket," a basket made entirely by weaving and braiding challah dough into a gorgeous usable container.

The book outlines how to make the perfect challah, from start to finish, complete with detailed instructions and clear color photos.

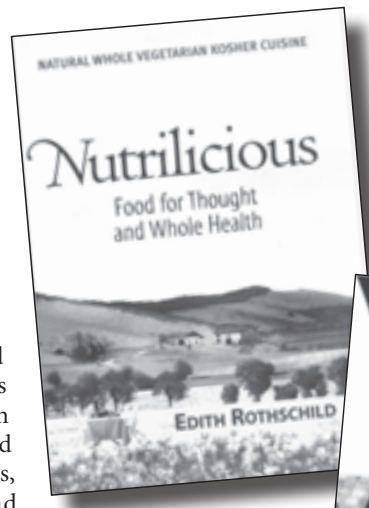
Nutrilicious

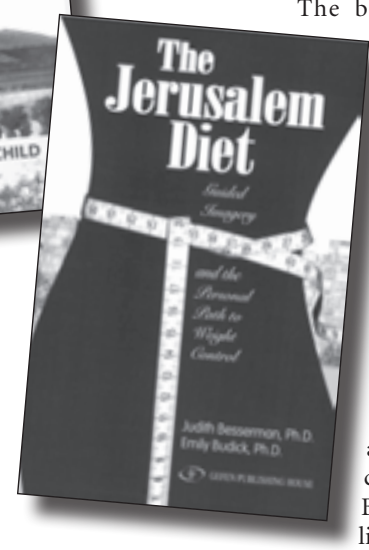
If Tamar Ansh is a passionate advocate for challah, Edith Rothschild is equally pas-

sionate about healthy eating. After years of suffering from debilitating back pain and joint inflammation, she took charge of her own health.

Thus she began eating a plant-based diet and pursuing alternative health remedies. Decades later, she is sharing her findings in her new book, *Nutrilicious: Food for Thought and Whole Health* (Feldheim Publishers, $26.99).

This book is, first, a vegetarian cookbook. In it, Rothschild focuses on whole, natural food: grains, nuts, seeds, vegetables, legumes and fruits. Recipes are divided into seven chapters: "Vegetables and Salads," "Soups and Sauces," "Grains and Pasta," "Legumes and Tofu," "Nuts & Seeds,""Fish and Eggs," and "Baked Goods, Desserts and Chocolate."





Other chapters include "Cooking in Stages and Other Timeless Timesavers"; "Appetizers to Tease Discriminating Palates"; "Nutrilicious Menu Suggestions"; "Pesach Without Panic" and more.

The book is also a guide to health, with sections about food combining, the evils of processed food and suggestions for how to stock a pantry.

And finally, this book is meant to inspire, evidenced by the stories and poems scattered throughout.

Like Ansh, Rothschild is a Torah observant Jew and she sees spiritual motivation and benefits to eating well. "A side-effect of healthful eating can add a spiritual dimension to every-day-living, which, in turn, could keep one aging gracefully with whole health (aside from getting a good seat in heaven)."

Written with humor and ease, the book is dedicated to Rothschild's 13 granddaughters and 12 great-granddaughters. But what about her grandsons and great-grandsons?

Traditional Judaism places women in the kitchen — and indeed there is one mitzvah for women relating directly to challah baking — but I wonder about the continuum between breadwinning and bread making.

Just as many traditional women work outside the home and then rush home to prepare their family's food, isn't it time for men to become literate, comfortable and independent in the kitchen?

The Jerusalem Diet

Food is, indeed, still women's domain. Throughout history and over the globe, women cook most of it and women more frequently struggle with food-related problems. Women are challah bakers and grocery shoppers, anorexics, bulimics and chronic dieters.

Another new book, geared primarily for women, looks at "why we eat, and why we diet; why we overeat and then deprive ourselves; why, finally, we fail to feed and satisfy the person we really wish ourselves to be," according to the introduction.

The Jerusalem Diet: Guided Imagery and the Personal Path to Weight Control (Gefen Publishing House, paperback, $16.95) by Judith Besserman, Ph.D., and Emily Budick, Ph.D., purports not to be a diet book but a book about appetite.

As written in the introduction, "In many ways… it is a book about exercising control. It is a book about making mindful choices. In this way, it is a book about self-empowerment…. Our goal is to help you change your relationship to food."

The book's basic tool is guided visualization. A practicing psychotherapistin Jerusalem and New York City, Besserman adapted and developed guided imagery exercises while Budick, a literary critic at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, analyzed texts and subtexts to find the right language for such exercises.

The book is broken into five chapters: The Diet Monologues; Becoming Mindful, Making Choices; Imaging and Self-Transformation; Eating to Lose Weight; and Stepping into the Future: Maintaining Your Weight Loss. The appendix lists four healthful soup recipes.

I wish that the word "diet" wasn't on the cover (and used throughout) this book. The authors work hard to convince readers that this book does not condone deprivation and that it offers hope for developing new relationships to food.

But the word "diet" implies all that is wrong about natural eating and healthy bodies. This book may be a helpful tool to help women unlearn unhealthy and psychologically-motivated eating habits. But then they'd be wise to shelve all the diet books, tune in to their own bodies, love their shape and enjoy each bite. ■

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Thursday 1

Better World Breakfast: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. Monthly breakfast focused on a global justice issue. This month's breakfast focuses on the international campaign to close the U.S. military's School of the Americas/WHINSEC, a training facility for Latin American officers. 7:30–9:30 a.m. at The Broken Egg, 221 North Main Street. For more information, email info@icpj.net or call 663-1870.

Prayer, Weekly Torah reading and Jewish Philosophy–for Women: Chabad. 9 a.m. at the JCC. *Every Thursday.*

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Fitness Fun with Maria Farquhar, 10–11 a.m., $4 or 3/$10; Current Events with Heather Dombey, a Jewish perspective on the news, 11 a.m.–noon; $3 Homemade Dairy Buffet Lunch, noon; New American Club-an ESL class for Russian seniors, 12:30 p.m.; Special events and guest presentations (varied), 1 p.m.; Literary Group with Sidney Warshausky, 2:15–3:15 p.m.

"Life Change for the Better:" JFS and JCC Seniors. Kathy Munoz presents IMPEL: *Improve, Motivate, Promote, Empower and Live.* Discussion of life change for the better and a free Reiki demonstration. 1 p.m. at the JCC. For more information, call 971-0990.

Fall Immunization Clinic: JCC Seniors. Provided by Michigan Visiting Nurses. $33/flu shot; $84/pneumonia shot. Credit cards and certain insurances accepted. 12:30–2:30 p.m.

"Jews in Nigeria?" U-M Hillel, Center for Afro-American and African Studies and Frankel Center. Rabbi Howard Gorin of Congregation Tikvat Israel presents his work with the Ibo people of Nigeria and the choice of some of its members to adopt Jewish customs and practice. 6:30 p.m., Michigan Room, U-M Michigan League.

Absolute Bar Night w/YAD: Jewish Professional Network. 8 p.m. at Vinology Restaurant on Main Street. RSVP to Laurie at 649-4192.

Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study of the original Talmud tractate Bava Metziah chapter 6. 8 p.m. *Every Thursday.*

Friday 2

Lunch and Learn: Pirke Avot: TBE. Rabbi Robert Levy leads the group for study of *Pirke Avot* or *Sayings of the Fathers*, a compilation of pithy rabbinic wisdom found in the middle of the mishnah's discussion of civil law, which can serve as a window into the rabbinic mind. Childcare may be available with advance notice. Noon–1 p.m. For information, call 665-4744. *Every Friday.*

Meditation and Learning: TBE. Focuses on the weekly parasha (Torah portion) with a teaching from Rabbi Levy followed by meditation led by Judy Freedman. All levels welcome. Childcare may be available with advanced notice. 1 p.m. For information, call 665-4744. *Every Friday.*

Weekly Yiddish-speaking Group: JCC Seniors. Meets at a private home every week except when monthly group meets at JCC. 1:30–3 p.m. Call 971-0990.

Tot Shabbat: TBE. Tot Shabbat program preceding a Nigerian Friday Night dinner. 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. $4/person.

Preceded by Nigerian Themed Dinner: 6:15 p.m.

"What A Nice Jewish Boy is Doing in Africa;" BIC. A visit with Rabbi Howard Gorin, Chief Rabbi of Nigeria. 7 p.m.

Potluck Shabbat Dinner: TBE Twenties and Thirties Group. 7 p.m. RSVP to Dara Perry at dara@detailsart.com.

Consecration Service: TBE. For first grade students. 7:30 p.m.

An Archives Shabbat: Jewish Historical Society. Featuring music of Abram Ray Tyler, TBE organist from 1911-38, to honor recent donation of Tyler's original compositions to Franklin Archives. 7:30 p.m. at the Maas Chapel, Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. For information, call (248) 851-1100, ext. 3137.

Kabbalat Shabbat Service: BIC. 8 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 3

"How Jewish Are They?" BIC. Presented by Rabbi Howard Gorin, Chief Rabbi of Nigeria, during Shabbat morning services. 9:30 a.m.

CD Release Concert: Gemini. San and Laz Slomovits, twin brothers who make up Ann Arbor's nationally known children's music duo Gemini, have each completed a new CD of music for adults. This joint concert will be the celebration of their release. They will be joined by Gabe Bolkosky on violin, Brian Brill on keyboards, and Helen Slomovits on flute. "Home From Work," San's CD with virtuoso violinist Gabe Bolkosky, is a unique blend of folk, jazz and classical influences on standards from all three of these traditions. "Give Light" is Laz's CD, in which he set to music the poetry of Rumi, the 13th Century Sufi mystic. $10. 7:30 p.m., Interfaith Center, 704 Airport Boulevard. Driving directions found at www.interfaithspirit.org or call 665-0409.

Mystical Insights to the Torah–for Women: Chabad. Learn more about the mystical dimensions of the Torah: Chabad. 1 hour before sundown at Chabad House. *Every Saturday.*

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Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 4

Reading Hebrew through the Prayer Book–for Women: Chabad. An in-depth study into the prayer book, an overview of the weekly Torah reading, with Jewish philosophy. 9:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

"Links In A Chain: The Jews of Nigeria:" BIC. Presented by Rabbi Howard Gorin, Chief Rabbi of Nigeria, during religious school to adults and high school students. 9:30 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and open your eyes to the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Library Holdings Tour: Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. Tour of Genealogical Society holdings at the Holocaust Memorial Center. 12:30 p.m. at the Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 553-4200.

Concert Outing: JFS. Concert recital for older adults to hear music by the Michigan Chamber Players. Concert is free, but transportation is $6 for roundtrip fare on JCS CareVan, if needed. 8 p.m. Britton Recital Hall. For more information, contact Nina Dmitrieva at nina@jfsannarbor.org or call 769-0209.

Jewish Concepts–for Women: Chabad. Learning the deeper meanings to the Jewish way of life. 8 p.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Monday 5

English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS. Ongoing class from 9 a.m.–noon at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email info@jfsannarbor.org. *Every Monday.*

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Fitness Fun with Maria Farquhar, 11 a.m.–noon, $4/session or $10/3 sessions; $3 Dairy Luncheon Buffet, noon; New American Club: an ESL class for Russian seniors, 12:30 p.m. *Every Monday.*

Hope: Support for People Who Have Lost a Partner: TBE and JFS. Support group for widows and widowers. Group facilitated by Carole Lapidos, MSW. For information about registering, call Devon Fitzig at 665-4744 or email dfitzig@templebethemeth.org.

Presentation: JCC Seniors. Professional photographer, Luda Ketslach, will present photos of her trip to Ghana. 1-2:15 p.m.

Tuesday 6

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Bible Class, 10:30 a.m.; Mah Jongg, noon; Drop-In Hobby Time, 1 p.m. *Every Tuesday*.

Movie Tuesday: TBE. Showing of *Kindertransport: Into the Arms of Strangers.* Keith Henley, a TBE member who was one of the German Jewish children sent to the safety of England in the 1930s, has been invited to speak. 1–3 p.m.

Performance: U-M Hillel. Performance by Idan Raichel Project, a critically acclaimed Israeli group known for its blend of international influences with Middle Eastern roots. Co-sponsored by The American Movement for Israel and Fighting Obstacles Knowing Ultimate Success. $15/students; $25/non-students. Ages 18 and up. 7:30 p.m. at Live at PJ's at 102 South First Street.

Jewish Learning Institute (JLI): Chabad. *The Land and the Spirit* examines the central role the Holy Land plays in the Jews' mission throughout history. 7:30–9 p.m. at the JCC.

Topics in Jewish Law: AAOM. Rabbi Rod Glogower presents different topics each week using texts from Tanach, Talmud and rabbinic literature. English translations of texts provided. Discussion in areas of law, philosophy and theology. 8 p.m. at U-M Hillel. For information, call 662-5805.

Introduction to Judaism: BIC. Led by Rabbi Sara Adler. 8 p.m.

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Wednesday 7

Adult Hebrew #4: TBE.

Lunch and Learn: BIC. With Rabbi Dobrusin. Session 3–Tzippori: The Capital City of Rabbinic Judaism. Noon.

Thursday 8

Prayer, Weekly Torah Reading and Jewish Philosophy–for Women: Chabad. 9 a.m. at the JCC. *Every Thursday.*

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Fitness Fun with Maria Farquhar, 10–11 a.m., $4 or 3/$10; Current Events with Heather Dombey, a Jewish perspective on the news, 11 a.m.–noon; $3 Homemade Dairy Buffet Lunch, noon; New American Club-an ESL class for Russian seniors, 12:30 p.m.; Special events and guest presentations (varied), 1 p.m.; Literary Group with Sidney Warshausky, 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Yiddish Open House: JCC Seniors. U-M Professor of Judaic Studies, Anita Norich will speak on and share works by Yiddish poet Yakev Glatshteyn. 1 p.m. in the Newman Room at the JCC. For information, contact Lily Ladin at 662-6613.

Adult Hebrew #5: TBE.

Dinner and Movie Night: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. ICPJ's Globalization Task Force will show parts of the PBS documentary "The New Heroes" to look at how social entrepreneurs are working to break the cycle of poverty by empowering people to earn a living. 6:30 p.m. at Memorial Christian Church, 730 Tappan Street.

Concert Outing: JFS. Concert recital for older adults. Limited number of free tickets available to University Musical Society performance of the Zehetmair String Quartet. Transportation is $6 for roundtrip fare on JCS CareVan, if needed. 8 p.m. Rackham Auditorium. For more information or to reserve a ticket, contact Laurie Wechter at 971-0990 or Nina Dmitrieva at 769-0209.

"Jewish Values, Human Rights and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." Presented by Rabbi Arik Ascherman of Jerusalem and Executive Director of Rabbis' for Human Rights. Tax deductible donations to RHR are encouraged. 8 p.m. at the JCC. For information, contact Ed Davidson at davidson@umich.edu or call 973-0751.

Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Study of the original Talmud tractate Bava Metziah chapter 6. 8 p.m. *Every Thursday*

Friday 9

Schools Out/JCC's In: JCC–Youth Department. For Hebrew Day School students in kindergarten through fifth grade. A trip to COSI to engage with hundreds of hands-on exhibits that excite, educate and astonish young inquiring minds. 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m. $31/JCC Members; $9/for extended care from 3:30–6 p.m. To register or for information, call 971-0990.

Lunch and Learn: Pirke Avot: TBE. Rabbi Robert Levy leads the group for study of *Pirke Avot* or *Sayings of the Fathers*, a compilation of pithy rabbinic wisdom found in the middle of the mishnah's discussion of civil law, which can serve as a window into the rabbinic mind. Childcare may be available with advance notice. Noon–1 p.m. For information, call 665-4744. *Every Friday.*

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Tailgate Shabbat: EMU Hillel. 5:30–7:30 p.m. at EMU Eagles Landing Tailgate area. RSVP to Audrey at audrey@emuhillel.org.

Tot Shabbat: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. $4/person.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 10

Tot Shabbat Service: BIC. For tots 0–5 years old and their parents followed by tot Kiddush. 11 a.m.

"Talking Peace: How to Communicate with Your Jewish Friends About the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict:" Jewish Cultural Society. Learn better ways of talking with friends about a just

and lasting peace for Palestinians and Israelis. Presented by Professor Aaron Ahuvia, who teaches Social Marketing at the U-M Ross School of Business and who is National Secretary for Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, the nation's largest pro-Israel organization dedicated to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. 1 p.m.–noon at the JCC.

Mystical Insights to the Torah—for Women: Chabad. Learn more about the mystical dimensions of the Torah. 1 hour before sundown at Chabad House. *Every Saturday.*

Laws of Shabbat–Jewish Ethics: Chabad. Study group code of law for Shabbat, and study of Jewish Ethics, 1/2 hour before sundown at Chabad House. *Every Saturday.*

"Celebrating Life Through Stories:" Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild. The Annual Tellabration Storytelling Concert for Adults features Gemini's Sandor Slomovits as the MC and guest storyteller. Some of the area's best storytellers will tell stories to warm the heart, engage the mind, and uplift the spirit. $10/tickets at the door. Proceeds will help bring outstanding storytellers to local schools. 7:30 p.m. at St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Road. For information, call Beverly Black at 665-4312 or Tricia Travis at 665-9534.

Fall Party: Jewish Ann Arbor Singles. Singles party for over 40s. $10. 8-11 p.m. at BIC Garfunkel-Schteingart Activity Center Lounge, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue. RSVP by 11/7 to j_aa_s@yahoo.com or call 483-8352.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 11

Reading Hebrew through the Prayer Book–for Women: Chabad. An in-depth study into the prayer book, an overview of the weekly Torah reading, with Jewish philosophy. 9:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Detroit Jewish Book Fair Local Author Day: Jewish Historical Society. Fifteen local authors on Jews of Windsor, poetry, etc. 10:30 a.m.–noon, Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. For information, call (248) 432-5467 or email dkeen@jccdet.org.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and open your eyes to the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Adventures in Literacy: JCC–Early Childhood Center. Interactive program for preschool age children and their families featuring PJ Library author Jacqueline Jules, author of *Abraham's Search for God* and *The Ziz* series of books. Part of JCC's 20th Annual Jewish Book Festival. Cosponsored by Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County, Temple Beth Emeth and Bernard L. Maas Foundation. $10/family includes pizza lunch. For information, call 971-0990.

Under One Roof: EMU Hillel. 1 p.m. Meet at EMU Hillel. RSVP to Gal at shortstuff854@sbcglobal.net.

Whirlyball: TBE Twenties and Thirties Group. Time TBD. RSVP to Jeffrey at fogel@umich.edu

Fall Hike and BBQ: Jewish Professionals Network. Meet at the far back lot (under Huron Parkway) in Gallup Park. For details, contact Laurie at 649-4192.

"Celebrating Life Through Stories:" Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild. Annual Tellabration Storytelling Concert for ages 5 and older. Cosponsored by the Ann Arbor District Libraries, the concert will feature some of the best local storytellers presenting lively, engaging stories to delight the whole family. 2 p.m. at Pittsfield Branch of the Ann Arbor District Library, 2359 Oak Valley Drive. For information, call Beverly Black at 665-4312 or Tricia Travis at 665-9534.

Jewish Book Festival Opening Reception: JCC. The 20th Annual Jewish Book Festival will open with featured author Stephen Fried, journalist and author of *Husbandry: Sex, Love, and Dirty Laundry–Inside the Minds of Married Men.* A special dessert reception precedes the author talk. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Speaker at 7 p.m. The festival runs through November 18 with author speakers, "Lunch and Learn" events, childrens programs and more. For a complete listing of events, call 971-0990 or see JCC ad, page 11.

Women's Rosh Chodesh: TBE Caring Community and Sisterhood. Celebrate the new moon and month in a meaningful gathering of women. Short service followed by discussion, study session, or special presentation. Childcare available with advance notice. 6:30–7:30 p.m. Complete schedule at www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/rosh_chodesh. For information, contact Abbie Egherman at 975-0828 or aje_2001@yahoo.com.

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Monday 12

English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS. Ongoing class from 9 a.m.–noon at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email info@jfsannarbor.org. *Every Monday.*

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Brain Food: EMU Hillel. 12:30–1:30 p.m. at EMU Student Center. RSVP to Audrey at audrey@emuhillel.org.

Musical Monday: JCC Seniors. Discussion of Campus Symphony Orchestra's selections for this evening's concert. 1-2:15 p.m.

Outing for Older Adults: JCC Seniors. Outing to hear Campus Symphony Orchestra conducted by Mark Latham, playing pieces by Berlioz, Dvorak and Prokofiev. Leave from JCC at 7:15 p.m. $3/transportation.

Sisterhood Board Meeting: TBE. 7:30 p.m.

Talmud Study: BIC. Study of the Tractate Sotah led by Rabbi Dobrusin. Drop-ins welcome. 8 p.m.

Jewish Book Festival: JCC. The 20th Annual Jewish Book Festival runs through November 18 See ad page 11 for schedule.

Tuesday 13

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Bible Class, 10:30 a.m.; Mah Jongg, noon. Drop-In Hobby Time, 1 p.m. *Every Tuesday*.

Israel Shuk: EMU Hillel. 4:30–7:30 p.m. Location TBA. For more information, contact Heather at Israel@emuhillel.org.

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Topics in Jewish Law: AAOM. Rabbi Rod Glogower presents different topics each week using texts from Tanach, Talmud and rabbinic literature. 8 p.m. at U-M Hillel. For information, call 662-5805. *See 11/6.*

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Wednesday 14

Lunch and Learn: BIC. With Rabbi Dobrusin. Session 4–Jerusalem: The Holy City and Capital of Israel. Noon.

Matinee Musicale: JCC Seniors. Today's featured artist is Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra violinist Anton Shelepov. $7/person. Refreshments at 1:30 p.m.; Performance at 2 p.m. For information, contact Laurie Wechter at laurie@jfsannarbor.org or call 971-0990.

Adult Hebrew #5: TBE.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. 7:30 p.m.

Meditation and Discussion: TBE. This fall's topic is the Baal Shem Tov and his writings using the book, *Tzava'at Harivash, the Testament of Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov,* translated by Jacob Immanuel Schochet. 7:30–8:45 p.m. in TBE Chapel. For information, contact Judy Freedman at 769-1709 or email freedmanjudy@comcast.net.

Jewish Book Festival: JCC. The 20th Annual Jewish Book Festival runs through November 18 See ad, page 11 for schedule.

Thursday 15

Prayer, Weekly Torah Reading and Jewish Philosophy–for Women: Chabad. 9 a.m. at the JCC. *Every Thursday.*

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Musical Thursday: JCC Seniors. Carole Helton will play and sing music by Jewish composers including show tunes and other musical forms. 1 p.m. at the JCC.

Book Festival Sponsor Reception and Dinner: JCC. Special reception for Jewish Book Festival sponsors with Naftali Bendavid, Chicago Tribune reporter and author of *The Thumpin': How Rahm Emanuel and the Democratic Party Learned to be Ruthless and Ended the Republican Revolution.* Following the dinner, Bendavid will speak about his book. The talk is free and open to the public. Sponsor Reception at 6:30 p.m. Author Talk at 7:30 p.m. For information, or to become a sponsor, call 971-0990.

Jewish Book Fair Presents Terry and Patty LeBan: Jewish Historical Society. The LeBans are creators of "Edge City," the first daily syndicated comic strip to feature a Jewish-American family. 7 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. For information, call (248) 432-5467 or email dkeen@jccdet.org.

Adult Hebrew #6: TBE.

Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Study of the original Talmud tractate Bava Metziah chapter 6. 8 p.m. *Every Thursday. See 11/1.*

Friday 16

Trip to School of the Americas Watch Vigil: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. Delegation will visit the Fort Benning, Georgia facility, renamed Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, to protest militarism in Latin America and to say "yes" to rights and justice. Registration form can be downloaded at LatinAmerica.ICPJ.net.

Lunch and Learn: Pirke Avot: TBE. Rabbi Robert Levy leads the group for study of *Pirke Avot* or *Sayings of the Fathers*, Noon–1 p.m. For information, call 665-4744. *Every Friday. See 11/9.*

Meditation and Learning: TBE. Focuses on the weekly parasha (Torah portion) with a teaching from Rabbi Levy followed by meditation led by Judy Freedman. All levels welcome. Childcare may be available with advanced notice. 1 p.m. For information, call 665-4744. *Every Friday.*

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Tot Shabbat: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. $4/person.

Friday evening services: See listing at the end of the calendar.

Saturday 17

Mystical Insights to the Torah–for Women: Chabad. Learn more about the mystical dimensions of the Torah: Chabad. 1 hour before sundown at Chabad House. *Every Saturday.*

Laws of Shabbat–Jewish Ethics: Chabad. Study group code of law for Shabbat, and study of Jewish Ethics, 1/2 hour before sundown at Chabad House. *Every Saturday.*

Kids' Nights Out–Surf's Up! JCC-Youth Department. Make a surfboard for movie friends Cody Maverick, Chicken Joe and Lani to ride on and enjoy a drink of some very berry tropical fruit punch. Evening will also include a pizza and veggie dinner, arts and crafts and the movie, *Surf's Up!* Open to kids in kindergarten through fifth grade. $20/JCC members; $18/siblings; $24/non-members; $22/siblings. 6:30–10 p.m. For information, call 971-0990.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Sunday 18

Reading Hebrew through the Prayer Book–for Women: Chabad. An in-depth study into the prayer book, an overview of the weekly Torah reading, with Jewish philosophy. 9:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and open your eyes to the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Brotherhood Limudim: TBE. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Jewish Book Festival Local Authors Fair and Brunch: JCC. Hear about new books from loal authors. Complimentary brunch. Sponsored by Huron River Press. 10 a.m. at the JCC.

"Celebrating Jewish Mothers–No Guilt Necessary:" JFS and JCC. Jewish Book Festival lunch program honoring Jewish mothers of all ages with musical entertainment and a Jewish Book Fair discussion around the theme of Jewish motherhood. Includes a talk by Professor Joyce Antler, author of *You Never Call! You Never Write! A History of the Jewish Mother.* $15/lunch and musical entertainment with free author talk, open to the public, to follow. 12:30–3:30 p.m. at the JCC.

Hike: Jewish Hikers of Michigan of TBE. Monthly hike on local trail. Singles, couples and children of all skill levels welcome. Participants encouraged to bring backpacks, munchies and drinks. Hikes last 1-1/2 to 2 hours. 1 p.m. at a location TBD. For information, visit www.templebethemeth.org/tbe/jewish_hikers_of_michigan, contact Eli at 883-9522 or Eve at 546-9645 or email jewish.hikers@gmail.com.

Calendar

Jewish Book Festival Children's Program: JCC. Featuring PJ Library author Heidi Smith Hyde, author of *Mendel's Accordion.* Participants will dance to live accordion music, make musical instruments and enjoy reading the book. Also a special performance by the Klez Kidz led by Debra Gombert. For children ages 4–10. Cosponsored by Hebrew Day School, Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County, Temple Beth Emeth and the Bernard L. Maas Foundation. 4 p.m. For information, call 971-0990.

Presentation: U-M Hillel. Amos Guiora, who assisted in writing the code of conduct for the IDF, will be speaking about human rights and the Israeli Defense Force. 7 p.m. at the U-M Michigan League.

Bowling for Soup: EMU Hillel. Free for those who bring non-perishable 5 food items. 7 p.m. at Ypsi-Arbor Lanes. RSVP to Stacey at tzedek@emuhillel.org.

Jewish Concepts–for Women: Chabad. Learning the deeper meanings to the Jewish way of life. 8 p.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday*.

Jewish Book Festival: JCC. Steven Lee Berber, author of *Heebie Jeebies at CBGB's: The Secret History of Jewish Punk,* will talk at downtown Borders 7 p.m.

Monday 19

English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS. Ongoing class from 9 a.m.–noon at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email info@jfsannarbor.org. *Every Monday.*

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Fitness Fun with Maria Farquhar, 11 a.m.–noon, $4/session or $10/3 sessions; $3 Dairy Luncheon Buffet, noon; New American Club: an ESL class for Russian seniors, 12:30 p.m. *Every Monday.*

"Chi: What is Life Energy?" JCC Seniors. Dr. Rabbi Peter Gluck and his son Adam will discuss Chi (life energy) and give a demonstration. 1-2 p.m. at the JCC.

Classes Begin: JCC–Youth Department. New series of enrichment classes begins this week. Classes include Abrakadoodle Art; Swim with Kim; Sports, Sports, Sports; Picture Perfect Photography. All classes from 4:15–5:15 p.m., except Swim with Kim from 4–6:30 p.m. Contact the JCC at 971-0990 for details including costs.

Talmud Study: BIC. Study of the Tractate Sotah led by Rabbi Dobrusin. Drop-ins welcome. 8 p.m.

Tuesday 20

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Introduction to Judaism: BIC. Led by Rabbi Sara Adler. 8 p.m.

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Weekly Torah Portion—for Women: Chabad. Study the text in the original, together with the classical commentaries. 8:30 p.m. at Chabad House. *Every Tuesday.*

Wednesday 21

School's Out/JCC's In: JCC Youth Department. For Hebrew Day School and Ann Arbor Public School students in kindergarten through fifth grade. A trip to the Henry Ford Museum. The museum brings to life the rich and exciting history of our country and gives visitors a more meaningful connection to the past. A movie on the giant IMAX screen will be part of the day. 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m. $31/JCC members; $9/for extended care from 3:30–6 p.m.

Presentation: JFS. Presentation in Russian on Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) by Professor Abram Dorfman Tower. 11 a.m. at 2901 Northbrook Place.

Erev Thanksgiving Service: TBE. 7:30 p.m.

Whirlyball: EMU Hillel. Join friends from EMU Hillel and other Michigan Hillels for an evening of free Whirlyball, pool, food and fun. Snacks provided plus two cash bars for those over 21. 18+ welcome. 9–11 p.m. at Whirlyball, 41550 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

Thursday 22

Prayer, Weekly Torah reading and Jewish Philosophy–for Women: Chabad. 9 a.m. at the JCC. *Every Thursday.*

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Tot Shabbat: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. $4/person.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 24

Tot Shabbat: BIC. For tots 0–5 years old and their parents followed by a tot Kiddush. 11 a.m.

Mystical Insights to the Torah–for Women: Chabad. Learn more about the mystical dimensions of the Torah: Chabad. 1 hour before sundown at Chabad House. *Every Saturday.*

Laws of Shabbat–Jewish Ethics: Chabad. Study group code of law for Shabbat, and study of Jewish Ethics, 1/2 hour before sundown at Chabad House. *Every Saturday.*

Shabbat services: See listing at end of calendar.

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Sunday 25

Reading Hebrew through the Prayer Book–for Women: Chabad. An in-depth study into the prayer book, an overview of the weekly Torah reading, with Jewish philosophy. 9:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and open your eyes to the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday.*

Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Concert: Gemini. Annual concert benefits the Holden Unit of Mott Children's Hospital. Ann Arbor's nationally known children's music duo Gemini, San and Laz Slomovits, perform. They will be joined by special guests Brian Brill on keyboards and Aron Kaufman on percussion, as well as by 13-year-old Emily Rose on fiddle. Emily Rose is San's daughter who was born at the Holden Unit of the hospital. This concert will also celebrate the release of Gemini's newest CD, "Good Mischief" a retrospective that includes classic children's songs from their earlier, out-of-print recordings, as well as new songs. 1 p.m. at The Ark, 316 South Main Street. $10/tickets. Tickets available from Ticketmaster, 763-TKTS or www.theark.org.

Jewish Concepts–for Women: Chabad. Learning the deeper meanings to the Jewish way of life. 8 p.m. at Chabad House. *Every Sunday*.

Monday 26

English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS. Ongoing class from 9 a.m.–noon at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email info@jfsannarbor.org. *Every Monday.*

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Fitness Fun with Maria Farquhar, 11 a.m.–noon, $4/session or $10/3 sessions; $3 Dairy Luncheon Buffet, noon; New American Club: an ESL class for Russian seniors, 12:30 p.m. *Every Monday.*

"Legal and Financial Issues for Older Adults:" JCC Seniors. Joyce Philips, RN and Red Cross Outreach Coordinator, will be accompanied by an elder law attorney to discuss legal and financial issues. 1–2 p.m. at the JCC.

Talmud Study: BIC. Study of the Tractate Sotah led by Rabbi Dobrusin. Drop-ins welcome. 8 p.m.

Tuesday 27

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Bible Class, 10:30 a.m.; Mah Jongg, noon. Drop-In Hobby Time, 1 p.m. *Every Tuesday*.

"Fall and Rise of Jewish Gangsters in America:" Jewish Historical Society. Presented by speaker Robert Rockaway of Tel Aviv University. 4 p.m. at the U-M Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, 202 South Thayer, Room 2022. For information, call 763-9047.

Red Cross Babysitting Certification Class. JCC–Youth Department. For ages 1–17. Two-session program (also 11/29) that teaches child safety, first aid, baby care and developmentally appropriate play. Upon completion, students will receive a card and become Red Cross certified. $75/Kids' Konnection; $80/JCC member; $85/non-member. For information, call 971-0990.

Depression Awareness/Suicide Prevention Event: EMU Hillel. 7 p.m. at EMU Student Center Kiva. RSVP to Michael at mnewmeye@emich.edu.

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Topics in Jewish Law: AAOM. Rabbi Rod Glogower presents different topics each week using texts from Tanach, Talmud and rabbinic literature. . 8 p.m. at U-M Hillel. For information, call 662-5805.

Introduction to Judaism: BIC. Led by Rabbi Sara Adler. 8 p.m.

Topics in Jewish Law: AAOM. Rabbi Rod Glogower presents different topics each week using texts from Tanach, Talmud and rabbinic literature. English translations of texts provided. Discussion in areas of law, philosophy and theology. 8 p.m. at UM Hillel. For information, call 662-5805. *See 11/6.*

Weekly Torah Portion—for Women: Chabad. Study the text in the original, together with the classical commentaries. 8:30 p.m. at Chabad House. *Every Tuesday.*

Wednesday 28

Adult Hebrew #6. TBE.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. 7:30 p.m.

Meditation and Discussion: TBE. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 29

Prayer, Weekly Torah reading and Jewish Philosophy–for Women: Chabad. 9 a.m. at the JCC. *Every Thursday.*

SPICE of LIFE: JCC Seniors. Fitness Fun with Maria Farquhar, 10–11 a.m., $4 or 3/$10; Current Events with Heather Dombey, a Jewish perspective on the news, 11 a.m.–noon; $3 Homemade Dairy Buffet Lunch, noon; New American Club-an ESL class for Russian seniors, 12:30 p.m.; Special events and guest presentations (varied), 1 p.m.; Literary Group with Sidney Warshausky, 2:15–3:15 p.m. at the JCC.

Senior Day of Learning: JCC Seniors. Ruth Messinger, President of American Jewish World Service, will discuss her organization's imperative to pursue justice around the world. AJWS's mission is to alleviate world hunger, poverty and disease to people of the developing world regardless of race, religion or national origin. 1 p.m. at the JCC.

"Immigrants, Exiles, Refugees: Two Centuries of Jewish Immigration": Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan. Deborah Dash Moore, director, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan. Dr. Moore is C. L. Huetwell Professor of History. She specializes in twentieth century American Jewish history, and has authored three books on that subject: *At Home in America: Second Generation New York Jews* (1981); *To the Golden Cities: Pursuing the American Jewish Dream in Miami and Los Angeles* (1984); and *GI Jews: How WW II Changed a Generation* (2004). This is one of six lectures in The Second 2007-2008 Thursday Morning Lecture Series, "Is Our Melting Pot Boiling Over?: Us Immigration In The 21st Century." At the Best Western Executive Conference Center, 2900 Jackson Rd. 10–11:30 a.m. $30 for all six lectures; add $15.00 if non-member. OLL members pay $10 at the door if attending one day only. Scholarships available. Call 998-9351 to register and for more information or go to www.olliumich.org for downloadable registration form

Martial Arts for Health and Fitness Class: JCC–Youth Department. Fun, energetic fitness class that teaches boys and girls in grades 2–7 how to take care of their body and achieve a healthy balanced lifestyle. 4:15–5:15 p.m. $75/Kids' Konnection; $80/JCC member; $85/non-member. *Thursdays through 1/10/08.*

Adult Hebrew #7: TBE.

Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Study of the original Talmud tractate Bava Metziah chapter 6. 8 p.m. *Every Thursday. See 11/1.*

Friday 30

Weekly Yiddish-speaking Group: JCC Seniors. Meets at a private home every week except when monthly group meets at JCC. 1:30–3 p.m. For information, call 971-0990.

Shabbat Happens: EMU Hillel. 6 p.m. at EMU Hillel. RSVP by 11/28 to Audrey at audrey@emuhillel.org.

Monthly Shabbat Service: AARH. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Musical Shabbat with vegetarian potluck at 6:15 p.m. Today's service is one of twice yearly services where an extra special welcome is extended to newcomers. For information or to RSVP, call 913-9705.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday December 1

Youth Choir: TBE. 4 p.m. on Main Street.

Sunday December 2

Hanukkah Gift Bag Preparation: JFS. Help prepare gift bags for 300 local older adults or volunteer to deliver gifts. Fun and fulfilling mitzvah project for groups, families and individuals. Pizza, drinks and snacks provided. 9 a.m.–noon at the JCC with delivery anytime afterward. To volunteer, contact Deborah Renner, JFS Volunteer Coordinator, at 769-0209.

Tzedek Helps at JFS Hanukkah Program: EMU Hillel. 9 a.m.–noon. Contact Stacy audrey@emuhillel.org for more information.

"Bris, Baptism, Bat Mitzvah: Navigating Life-cycle Events in the Interfaith Family:" TBE. Panel presentation followed by small discussion groups. 3–5 p.m. at the JCC. For more information or to find out about TBE's Interfaith Couples Discussion Group, contact Devon Fitzig at dfitzig@templebethemeth.org or call 665-4744

Chanukah Bazaar: TBE. 3:30–7:30 p.m.

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. 6:10 p.m. on 11/2; 5 p.m. on 11/9; 4:55 p.m. on 11/16; 4:50 p.m. on 11/23; 4:45 p.m. on 11/30 at U-M Hillel. Home hospitality available for Shabbat and Shavuot meals. Call 662-5805 in advance.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m.; Shira: Family Shabbat in Song at 6:30 p.m.; Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat dinner served from 6–7:15 p.m. ($4/for Tot Shabbat dinner menu of fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, salad bar and applesauce.) Shabbat dinner served from 6–7:15 p.m. $9/person. (Weekly chicken selection and vegetarian option, side dish, salad bar, challah and beverage. Catered by Chef Lori Shepard of Simply Scrumptious.) For information, call 665-4744

Shabbat Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah. 6:15 PM at the JCC the last Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Tot Shabbat with optional kid's pizza dinner at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 913-9705, email info@aarecon.org or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad House. Begins at candle-lighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services and classes

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Maariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvor Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. U-M Hillel.

Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. Mincha.

Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist Havurah. Discussion-based format with topics changing monthly. For info, email info@aarecon.org or call 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study at 8:50 a.m. Chapel Service at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. Call the office at 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

Home Hospitality for Shabbat and Holiday Meals: AAOM. Call 662-5805 in advance.

Home Hospitality and Meals: Chabad. Every Shabbat and *yom tov* (Jewish holiday). Call 995-3276 in advance.

"Mystical Insights to the Torah:" Chabad. For women to learn more about the mystical dimensions of the Torah. Saturday, one hour before sundown. Call 995-3276.

"Laws of Shabbat—Jewish Ethics:" Chabad. Study group examines the code of law for Shabbat and Jewish ethics. Saturday, 1/2 hour before sundown. Call 995-3276.

Phone numbers and addresses of organizations frequently listed in the calendar:

Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)
1429 Hill Street 994-5822

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah (AARH)
P.O. Box 7451, Ann Arbor 913-9705

Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. 665-9897

Chabad House
715 Hill Street 995-3276

EMU Hillel
965 Washtenaw Ave., Ypsilanti 482-0456

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 971-0990

Jewish Cultural Society (JCS)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 975-9872

Jewish Family Services (JFS)
2245 South State Street 769-0209

Jewish Federation
2939 Birch Hollow Drive 677-0100

Pardes Hannah
2010 Washtenaw Ave. 663-4039

Temple Beth Emeth (TBE)
2309 Packard Road 665-4744

U-M Hillel
1429 Hill Street 769-0500

Shabbat Candlelighting

November 2	5:07 p.m.
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November 16	4:52 p.m.
November 23	4:46 p.m.
November 30	4:43 p.m.

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Chanukah Wonderland comes to Ann Arbor

Shternie Zwiebel, special to the WJN

Ann Arbor's Chanukah celebration will receive a significant boost this year with Chanukah Wonderland, sponsored by Ann Arbor Chabad House. Chanukah Wonderland will be located at 500 Liberty Street (between Division and State). Chanukah Wonderland will be opened for all eight days of Chanukah. Children and adults are invited to experience Chanukah in a fun and exciting way. There will be an olive press, Chanukah crafts, latke making, photo ops with Yehudah Hamaccabi, a lego menorah contest, dreidel fun, a multimedia Chanukah room and lighting of the grand menorah. Chanukah Wonderland will be open December 4-12. For more information and hours, call 995-3276. ■

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Rabbi Ascherman's day in Ann Arbor will also include lunch and discussion with University of Michigan students working to conduct dialogue on the Middle East. They include the co-chairs of the American Movement for Israel, Students Allied for Freedom and Equality, and Bridge the Gap, the editors-in-chief of the Michigan Israel Observer, and members of the Union of Progressive Zionists.

A fundraising dinner is scheduled at 6 p.m. to honor Rabbi Ascherman and the work of RHR. Members of the host committee for the dinner are Aaron and Aura Ahuvia, Ed and Ellie Davidson, Bob Sims and Diane Lehman Wilson. Some seats are still available. For information on this dinner event, contact Helene Tamarin, 734-484-2133 or htamarin@umich.edu.

Donations to RHR are encouraged to support it in "upholding the moral vision of Israel, maintaining Jewish values in the face of devastating violence." For further information, contact Ed Davidson at 973-0751 or davidson@umich.edu or visit www.rhr-na.org and www.rhr.israel.net.

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Together) addresses this problem by working with parents and their children in preschool settings, summer camp programs, at Mother and Child clinics and in elementary schools. In communities where PACT is in operation, only 2 percent of Ethiopian-Israeli children are held back from first grade, and the language gap has decreased from 50 percent to 23 percent. PACT is funded by the Israeli government and the JDC; the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County and several private donors in our community contribute significant funds to ensure the continued success of this important program. Currently, PACT operates in 14 cities around Israel reaching about 65 percent of those who would benefit, but much more is needed to reach the approximately 60,000 (55%) Ethiopians under the age of 18 and give them the tools they need to become educated, successful members of Israeli society.

What next....

The story of Ethiopian aliyah and absorption in Israel is complex and on-going. There are many success stories—the young, successful Ethiopian Israelis who traveled with us are perfect examples. There are other, older community leaders who have witnessed the mistakes made in the past and are working tirelessly ensure that the new immigrants are not torn from their communities, obtain assistance from veterans fluent in Amharic and receive the educational opportunities and resources so necessary to succeed in Israeli society. Sadly, for many the fulfillment of the dream to come to "Jerusalem" has not been what they expected. The language, cultural, economic and sociological barriers have been difficult to overcome, and there is profound disappointment at the lack of commitment to religious observance found in the Jewish state, the loss of self-reliance inherent in the life of subsistence farming, and the disintegration of the family structures particularly around respect for elders and the honored place of the father as head of the household. Clearly, there is much to be done before this aliyah, something about which the Jewish community is justifiably proud, can be considered a success.

Hopefully, this series, which has only touched the surface of the issues facing the Ethiopian Israeli community, has provided some insight and will spur readers to learn more about and do more to aid this community and others in need in Israel and around the world. The Jewish Federation's annual campaign overseas allocation supports the programs of the Jewish Agency, JDC and the Ethiopian National Project. Additionally, our local Israel/Overseas committee makes special allocations to the PACT program. So much is being done, but so much more is needed and can be accomplished with your help. ■

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Sophie Saks Hurwitz on her bat mitzvah, November 3.
Johah Litroff on his bar mitzvah, November 3.
Aaron Williams on his bar mitzvah, November 10.
Lior Appel-Kraut on her bat mitzvah, November 10.
Charles and Irene Butter on the birth of their grandson, Jonah Gabriel Butter, on September 13, to parents Noah Butter and Melissa Rosenberg.
Michele Forbes and Todd Berg on the birth of their son, Levi Everett Berg, September 14.
Julie and Mitchell Hollberg on the birth of their son, William Hollberg, September 19.
Nancy Pickus on the birth of her grandson, Samuel Boyd Pickus, September 25, to parents Peter and Jennifer Pickus.
Pam and Steve Landau on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophie Landau, to parents Ben Landau and Dana Micinski.
Bob and Charlene Zand on the bar mitzvah of their grandson Amitai Zand, son of Joel and Renee Ghert-Zand.

Condolences

Joan Weber on the death of her mother, Edith Schwarz, September 16.
Hylan Moises on the death of his father, Harry Sanford Moises, September 19.
Shirley Harkless on the death of her mother, Grace Harkless, September 24.
Al and Jolene Hermalin on the death of their son-in-law, Frank Nemetz.
Joan Levitsky on the death of her sister, Sue Shindler.
Carolyn Lichter on the death of her mother, Sylvia Goode, also grandmother of Laurie Rashes.
Lynn Gessner on the death of her grandmother, Victoria Kirmayer.

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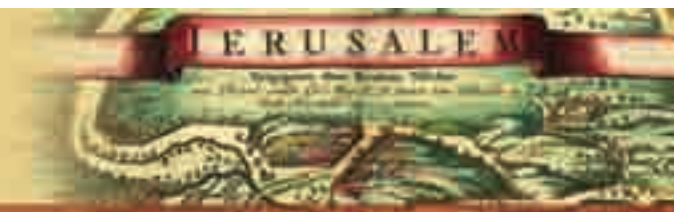

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